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Double-dipping is pushed to solve CNMI labor woes

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A bid to amend the CNMI Constitution to allow double-dipping as a means to resolve the CNMI's labor woes has gained steam at the Senate, which adopted the legislative initiative last week.

» **Initiative passes Senate, awaits House action**

Senate Legislative Initiative 20-01 now awaits House action.

Double-dipping means allowing an individual to receive

both a pension and a salary. The CNMI Constitution limits the re-employment of retirees to two years.

However, Senate Legislative Initiative

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'One-strike rule' eyed for law enforcers

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If Sen. Jude Hofschneider (R-Tinian) has his way, the CNMI would have zero tolerance for law enforcers who use illegal drugs. In fact, he wants a "one strike and you're out" statute for law enforcers.

Toward this end, Hofschneider introduced last week a bill that will give no second chances if a law enforcement officer is found positive for illegal drug use, which means instant termination for the offending officer.

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FLOWER ISLAND

Staff from the Saipan Mayor's Office maintains the flowers along Beach Road in Garapan yesterday. The flowers are part of the Marianas Visitors Authority's Flower Island project.

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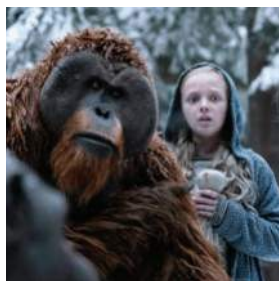
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Local

CPA unveils seven APCs at Saipan airport

The Commonwealth Ports Authority unveiled yesterday afternoon seven automated passport control machines at the Francisco C. Ada-Saipan International Airport.

Touted as a means to cut down the processing time of incoming passengers, the machines are used to speed the processing time for inbound passengers under U.S. immigration entry.

The APCs work like automated teller machines, with travelers scanning their passports on the machines and answering basic questions. The machine then issues a slip of paper that is then presented to the immigration officer.

CPA executive director Chris Tenorio led the unveiling of the machines on Monday. He was joined by Marianas Visitors Authority managing director Chris Concepcion, MVA deputy director Judy Torres, Imperial Pacific International Ltd. majority shareholder Margaret Cui Lijie, and Globe International Group's Tom Liu.

"We hope that these APC machines will help lessen the wait times as well as increase efficiency during the immigration process," said Tenorio.

"On behalf of the Commonwealth Ports Authority, I would like to extend my appreciation to the [MVA] and all of its sponsors for contributing the necessary resources to purchase the newly installed APC machines.

"Thank you, Customs and Border Protection for working hand in hand with the CPA to ensure that we address and resolve these issues without jeopardizing the CNMI's security and protection, and to the entire ad hoc committee for working diligently with all federal and local agencies to help improve our airport facilities.

"We hope that these APC machines will provide a more efficient flow of operations upon entry and convenience to all visitors and residents entering or returning to the CNMI," he said.

Arriving passengers at the Saipan airport endure long wait times at immigration and it is hoped the machines will speed up that process. *(Saipan Tribune)*



Commonwealth Ports Authority executive director Chris Tenorio, right, delivers his remarks during yesterday afternoon's unveiling of the seven automated passport control machines at the Francisco C. Ada-Saipan International Airport. The event was also participated by Marianas Visitors Authority managing director Christopher Concepcion, acting CPA board chair Thomas Villagomez, and Imperial Pacific International majority shareholder Margaret Cui Lijie. The APC machines are designed to reduce the processing time for arriving passengers.

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Bridge Capital Jody Jordahl, second from left, presents a \$3,000 donation to special assistant for Project Development Vicky Benavente, acting governor Steve Mesngon, and MTEC board member and tournament director James Nelson for the 2nd Annual Governor's Tourism Cup to benefit MTEC.

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Bridge Capital donates \$3K to Governor's Tourism Cup

The Marianas Tourism Education Council has received a \$3,000 donation from Bridge Capital LLC as it prepares for the 2nd Annual Governor's Tourism Cup.

Vicky Benavente, the special assistant for Project Development under the Office of the Governor and MTEC board member, said the Governor's Tourism Cup was created to support MTEC initiatives and programs.

"Proceeds will help the MTEC continue the educational outreach to all schools, the annual tourism summit, and other tourism-related activities involving the MY WAVE Clubs. MTEC continues to make an impact in our community and truly stands by its mission to make tourism everybody's business," she said.

This year's tournament is set for Sept. 2, 2017, and is hosted by the Office of the Governor and the Marianas Visitors Authority.

On behalf of Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, acting governor Steve K. Mesngon noted the importance of the MTEC and the value it provides to the youth and the community.

"I echo Governor Torres' sentiments on the significance of investing in our tourism industry. Earlier this year, MVA and MTEC spearheaded efforts for the CNMI to begin working with TripAdvisor whose online reputation will

benefit our marketing efforts. This is only one of many successes, and I extend my appreciation to Bridge Capital for their generous support and sponsorship as we look forward to another successful event," Mesngon said.

Former MVA director and tournament director James Nelson said the first tournament garnered enormous support for tourism education.

"Educating our youth on the importance of tourism continues to be a key part of our collaborative efforts with MVA. We are happy to see this tournament in its second year, and we extend our sincere appreciation to Bridge Capital for their continued generosity," he said.

MTEC was formed in 2002 to heighten the community's awareness of the importance of the islands' tourism industry.

This includes fostering community understanding and support for the tourism industry by educating the community—especially young students—about the social value and economic contributions, as well as instilling and promoting the "hafa adai" hospitality spirit throughout the Northern Mariana Islands.

For more information on the 2nd Annual Governor's Tourism Cup, contact Benavente at vicky.benavente@gov.mp. *(PR)*

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Saipan Mayor's Office establishes light post adoption

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In the spirit of beautification, Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang has created an Adopt-a-Post Program that would allow offices, organizations, individuals, and groups to adopt any of the light posts

lined up along Beach Road and central Garapan.

It will work this way: the Saipan Mayor's Office will hang flower containers on each post. Those who've adopted the post will then be required to maintain the flowers around that post. The adoption program does not include pay-

ing for the power consumed by the light post.

According to Apatang, his office will be working with the Marianas Visitors Authority on this new program.

He said the adoption of a light post is free of charge but each individual, group, or organization must maintain the

post on their own time.

This adds to the many other projects that Apatang's office has already established.

Apatang will open the adoption process once the posts have been prepared.

The Saipan Mayor's Office has also started using its newest machine, a skid loader that

is used to clear roadside debris.

According to mayor's office operations manager Joann Aquino, the machine was taken out to Kagman 1. It will also be used to clear the roadside debris in Kagman 2 and 3 too, she said.

The skid loader has been in use since Friday and will

continue to be used to further beautify the Commonwealth.

All other beautification efforts will continue like the daily village cleanups, tree trimming, stray dog control, and junk car removal. The office will also continue to clean up the Veterans Cemetery until the Veterans Affairs Office is able to put together a team that will maintain the cleanliness of the cemetery.

UFO fundraises for deceased workers

The United Filipino Organization, in coordination with the Office of the Philippine Honorary Consul, will set up donation spots for those who want to donate cash to the family members of the three Filipino workers who were killed while working on a wastewater well in San Antonio.

The three were killed over a week ago after entering a Commonwealth Utilities Corp. sewer pump station. Toxic gas exposure and drowning are suspected to

have caused their deaths.

Local authorities are investigating the deaths; Philippine honorary consul to the CNMI Glicerio Arago also looked into the accident.

It was Arago's office that worked to find and contact the deceased workers' families.

According to UFO president Marlon Regaton, the fundraiser was delayed because of the investigation and the struggle to locate the next of kin of all three workers. Now that the relatives have been located, the donation

drive could go ahead.

According to Arago, overseas worker Amid L. Tapon is survived by his wife Fredelyn Tapon, Ricky S. Quijano is survived by his wife Jenny Quijano, and Danilo Paglinawan is survived by his children Alvin

and Allan Paglinawan.

According to Regaton, boxes will be placed in specific areas on Saipan that will serve as donation boxes. The donations will be given to the next of kin of the deceased workers. The four places that were

confirmed by Regaton are the two LBC Mabuhay stations on Saipan, RNV Construction, and the Gold Ribbon Restaurant. The boxes will be put out starting tomorrow, July 19, for interested donors. UFO emphasized that this is a

voluntary donation campaign and no one is being forced to contribute anything.

A Tagalog Mass will also be hosted by the organization at the Kristo Rai Church. More details will follow. **(Kimberly A. Bautista)**

Bangladesh Central Bank assures DOJ it will provide bank, business records

The U.S. government may soon obtain the bank and business records it is seeking from Bangladesh in connection with a criminal case against six persons in a fake jobs scam.

Assistant U.S. attorney James Benedetto told the U.S. District Court for the NMI Friday that their request for the bank records of family members of some defendants in the case had reached the financial investigation unit of the Central Bank of Bangladesh.

Benedetto said the Central Bank of Bangladesh has assured that the U.S. government will be getting the records soon.

One of the suspects in the case, Muksedur Rahman, and his co-schemers allegedly instructed at least 12 victims to send payments to Rahman's relatives and in-laws in Bangladesh.

Some of the payments were made in cash directly to a co-schemer of Rahman, and some were deposited directly into the accounts of his family members and in-laws.

A superseding indictment charged the defendants with 17 counts such as mail fraud, fraud in foreign labor contracting, and fraud and misuse of visas and permits. The U.S. government is seeking help from Bangladesh to obtain some records.

The U.S. Department of Justice's Office of International Affairs has reportedly prepared a letter addressed to family members and relatives in Bangladesh of one of the suspects.

According to the minutes of Friday's hearing, Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona inquired if these records will be received by July 24; Benedetto replied

they were not sure as to the date and were hopeful it will be here in the next several weeks.

The prosecutor also disclosed that there were statements from witnesses in Bangladesh and the Diplomatic Security Service has agreed to interview witnesses at the U.S. Embassy in Dhaka.

Benedetto said if those statements are as they expect them to be, then they will decide as to which of those witnesses they will bring to Saipan to testify at trial.

The jury trial will be on Aug. 15, 2017. Designated Judge John C. Coughenour will preside over the trial.

Benedetto also disclosed that the prosecution is planning to eliminate some counts in the indictment. Once he decides which counts to eliminate, he will inform the parties and file a redacted indictment with the court.

Attorney Robert T. Torres, counsel for defendant Muksedur Rahman, argued, among other things, that the U.S. government should provide certain dates soon as to when they will be paring down the indictment because they need to know what the charges are, in order to prepare.

Benedetto suggested giving the court and the parties a written update on July 24, which will include an update on the transcripts.

Benedetto said this report will advise the court as to what, if anything has come in, and what decisions the U.S. government has made about which counts to proceed on.

Manglona ordered the prosecution to file a status report on the issues raised by July 24. Torres agreed to this. **(Ferdie de la Torre)**



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Mesngon is acting governor

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Sen. Steve Mesngon (R-Rota)

is fourth in the official rules of succession, but he is currently the acting governor in the absence of Gov. Ralph

DLG Torres, Lt. Gov. Victor B. Hocog, and Senate President Arnold Palacios (R-Saipan).

Torres left the CNMI on Friday for Honolulu, Hawaii to meet with officials from the office of economic

adjustment under the U.S. Department of Defense. Torres also left for other fishery matters, according to the Torres administration.

Hocog, on the other hand, is reportedly on personal leave. His whereabouts and the rea-

son for his leave were not disclosed by the administration.

Palacios also left the island for personal leave, but was expected to arrive late last night, after which he would assume the position of acting governor immediately.

DBIDS access cards required by Aug. 14

ASAN, Guam—To improve management and force protection at military installations, Joint Region Marianas is transitioning from using the Navy Commercial Access Control System to the Defense Biometric Identification System for contractors and vendors requiring access to Navy and Air Force installations on island.

Beginning Aug. 14, NCACS will no longer be accepted for access to military installations.

Contractors or vendors who need assistance in transitioning from NCACS to a DBIDS temporary pass to a DBIDS card can contact the installation Visitor Control Center or Pass & ID office.

The U.S. Naval Base Guam VCC is open Monday to Friday from 6:30am to 4:30pm. For more information, contact 339-1180.

DBIDS processing for Andersen Air Force Base is available Monday to Friday from

6am to 5pm at the North Gate along Route 9. For more information, contact 366-5477.

Contractors and vendors are reminded there may be a high demand during the transition and possible delays in processing new credentials and passes.

Contractors who are issued common access cards are not required to register for DBIDS.

DBIDS cards are issued at no cost to the applicant.

Those requesting new access onto installations will receive the DBIDS card at the same time they are initially approved for access.

DBIDS is the ID card scanning system used by security personnel at Joint Region Marianas installations and can scan an ID card in a single second or less. DBIDS uses bar codes and biometrics to identify cardholders, which verifies authorizations and assigns access privileges based on iden-

tify, affiliation, and the current force protection condition.

The new DBIDS scanner responds faster and with more accuracy than a human checking an ID card. This means, with the heavy volume of traffic entering a base during peak traffic hours, entry controllers can now scan credentials instead of relying on visual ID card inspections lessening bottlenecks or chokepoints at base entry control points.

The system is maintained by the Defense Manpower Data Center, owners of the Defense

Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System, or DEERS, and the Real-Time Automated Personnel Identification System, or RAPIDS.

When a Department of Defense credential is initially scanned at an installation entry control point, the cardholder is automatically registered in DBIDS once the ID card is validated in DEERS. Also, information is screened by the FBI National Criminal Information Center. DBIDS is inter-connected with DEERS and NCIC for continuous vetting. **(PR)**

Tinian solicits bids for observation deck project

Tinian Mayor Joey Patrick San Nicolas is now soliciting bids for the construction of the Tinian Lookout Observation Deck.

The observation deck is supposed to be constructed at the Tinian Lookout on the way to Suicide Cliff, from which visitors can enjoy a panoramic view of West Tinian and Agui-guan Island.

The structure will boast two tiers, one of which will comply with the American with Disabilities Act.

Bid additives include a raised walkway and small parking lot. Funding for the observation deck will be provided by the Marianas Visitors Authority as a destination enhancement project.

"The Marianas Visitors Authority is pleased to partner with the mayor of Tinian in getting this gorgeous observation deck built for everyone to enjoy," said MVA managing director Chris Concepcion. "This deck will be an added attraction

for tourists so the MVA is delighted to be able to contribute to the mayor's efforts at enhancing Tinian as a key destination in the Marianas. Tinian is filled with historic attractions, some dating back thousands of years, so adding this new site for visitors to enjoy is welcome news for the MVA. We look forward to its completion."

San Nicolas also expressed enthusiasm for the project, as well as his gratitude for MVA's assistance in moving the project forward: "I would like to thank the Marianas Visitors Authority for the project funding and for their partnership in promoting our beautiful island of Tinian. Indeed, the observation deck will be another attraction for our tourists and residents: a place to soak in the spectacular view of Agui-guan and our vast Pacific Ocean."

The project package for the Tinian Lookout Observation Deck will be available at the Tinian Mayor's Office or



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The observation deck is supposed to be built at the Tinian Lookout on the way to Suicide Cliff, from which visitors can enjoy a panoramic view of West Tinian and Agui-guan Island.

the Tinian Liaison Office on Saipan until Aug. 4, 2017. For questions or concerns regard-

ing this bid, contact Alexis Hofschneider at (670) 433-1800/2. **(PR)**

LABOR

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tative 20-01, which was introduced by Sen. Justo Quitugua (Ind-Saipan), now seeks to amend the CNMI Constitution to allow the re-employment of retirees, who will continue to receive their pension benefits "indefinitely."

Retirees would be allowed to work again as teachers, doctors, nurses, and other medical professionals "for an unlimited period of time"—as opposed to the two-year limit.

According to the initiative, its main purpose is to address the foreign work-

force problems plaguing the CNMI.

The CW-1 visa program, which is unique only to the CNMI, is slated to be phased out by the end of calendar year 2019, forcing the private sector and others who tap CW-1 workers to either rely on an insufficient local labor workforce or on the more expensive H visas, in competition with other states.

As indicated in SLI 20-01, the amendment to the CNMI Constitution would accommodate the economic growth and developmental boom the CNMI is experiencing.

Quitugua's measure would specifically amend Article III,

Section 20(b) of the CNMI Constitution.

Back in early 1998, the CNMI government enacted Public Law 11-2, which enabled the re-employment of certain government retirees,

Government agencies that benefitted from the re-entry of retirees into the workforce included the Public School System and the former Department of Public Health, now known as the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.

PSS was able to hire retired classroom teachers for a period of two years but soon experienced a shortage of teachers two years after. DPH on the other hand, hired several doc-

tors and nurses to alleviate a staff shortage.

Currently, CHCC is now facing difficulties recruiting doctors and nurses, among other medical professions and recently experienced what is known among foreign workers as a CW cap, when all available slots for foreign workers within a year is filled up.

For SLI 20-01 to take effect, at least three-fourths of both the House of Representatives and the Senate should vote for its passage. Following the initiative's passage, registered voters of the CNMI would then have to vote on the initiative at the next regular general elections.

ONE-STRIKE

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Senate Bill 20-51 seeks to establish a "zero tolerance, one-strike rule" for law enforcement personnel in the CNMI who test positive for drug use.

The bill states that, according to Public Law 18-47, law enforcement officers must submit to random drug tests to rid the enforcement offices of drug use. In conjunction with the bill, any law enforcement officer who tests positive for cocaine, marijuana, opiates, amphetamines, and phencyclidines "shall immediately be terminated."

"Any law enforcement officer...who tests positive for the use of a controlled substance shall be immediately dismissed of their employment," states the bill.

The bill has yet to be voted on by the Senate, but a member of the House of Representatives has been vocal of his support on social media.

There is already a law that requires government employees to undergo drug tests. Public Law 18-47 mandates that randomly selected employees must surrender to breath tests for alcohol and urine tests for cocaine, marijuana, opiates, amphetamines, and phencyclidine.

The employees would be selected by random methods such as a random number table or a computer-based random number generator that is matched with an employee's social security number, payroll ID number, or others.

While PL 18-47 fails to specify the sanction if a law enforcement officer is found positive for drugs, SB 20-51 seeks to rectify that.

Judge denies motion to dismiss suit vs Riviera owner

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Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho has denied Hotel Riviera Saipan owner's motion to dismiss the lawsuit filed against the company by the alleged leaseholder of the parcels of land on which lies the now defunct hotel in Finasisu.

Camacho determined that PRC, the alleged leaseholder of the land, has asserted a cognizable legal theory for a breach of contract claim and alleged facts that are enough to overcome a motion to dismiss.

Camacho said PRC is the real party in interest because PRC is the contracting party, with the rights and ability to sue under the contract.

The owner of Hotel Riviera, Chang Shin Resort Saipan Corp., has failed to show that PRC is not the real party in interest, the judge said.

The case stems from the lease of a property in Finasisu, upon which lies the Hotel Riviera Saipan. The original lawsuit was brought in 2012 by PRC, former governor Pedro P. Tenorio, and his wife, Sophia.

The contracts at issue were three leases involving four parcels of property upon which the hotel was built.

Last January, PRC filed its first amended complaint against Chang Shin Resort Saipan Corp., owner of Hotel Riviera, alleging that Hotel Riviera breached the lease agreement by failing to pay rent, failing to maintain the premises, and failing to pay taxes on the property.

PRC sought to have Hotel Riviera removed from the property and a judgment to recover the property. PRC also sought monetary damages.

According to court records, Jose A. Manalo leased the Riviera property to Chung Doo Young in 1988. The lease was to expire in 2043.

Young then assigned the ground lease to Lee Soung Man in 1990. After a few months, Man assigned the lease to Shin Eui In.

According to an additional to description of property dated Sept. 26, 2006, Hotel Riviera acquired the ground lease from In at some point after December 1990, but apparently did not record its interest.

The fee simple interest in the Riviera property was passed by warranty deed from Manalo to Betty H. Johnson in January 2008. After a few months, Johnson executed a quitclaim deed transferring her fee simple interest to GLA LLC.

GLC LLC then executed a warranty deed transferring the property to PRC in April 2009.

In March 2014, PRC entered into a contract with Manalo that assigned Manalo's rights to the Riviera property from Manalo to PRC.

As to the terms and fulfillment of the lease, PRC alleges that Hotel Riviera failed to pay rent by the tenth of each month.

Hotel Riviera failed to pay taxes, which resulted in the property being encumbered by tax liens.

Hotel Riviera also permitted the property to become damaged, overgrown, and otherwise unclean and unsanitary.

Last January, Hotel Riviera, through counsel Mark Scoggins, moved to dismiss the lawsuit.

Hotel Riviera argues that dismissal is proper because PRC has failed to state a claim for which relief can be granted.

Hotel Riviera contends that PRC is not the real party in interest and that PRC, as a limited liability company, is not permitted to hold a real interest in land under Article 12 of the NMI Constitution.

Hotel Riviera also noted that the real party in interest is Bridge Capital LLC be-

cause Bridge Capital funded the purchase of the property, makes all decisions regarding the property, and is funding the litigation over the property.

Scoggins said PRC's rights are merely a legal fiction that Bridge Capital is attempting to hide behind.

In its opposition, PRC, through counsels Brian Flaherty and Robert T. Torres, argues that it legally has a right to the property and the issue is not one of constitutional challenge.

PRC asserts, among other things, that PRC cannot bring a challenge under Article 12

because Hotel Riviera lacks standing; the six-year statute of limitations has lapsed; and the controversy is one of landlord-tenant.

In denying the motion, Camacho said the facts show an enforceable contract between the parties; that Hotel Riviera breached the terms of the lease agreement; and that Hotel Riviera's breach of the lease agreement damaged PRC.

Camacho said PRC will bear the burden of proving the enforceability and validity of these claims at trial.

However, Camacho said, at this stage of the proceedings, PRC has alleged sufficient facts to overcome a

motion to dismiss.

The judge said PRC as an LLC has the right to enter into contracts, hold interest in property, and sue under CNMI laws.

Camacho said Hotel Riviera has made no showing that failure to include Bridge in the current litigation would subject Hotel Riviera to the risk of additional litigation, deprive Hotel Riviera of finality of judgment, or deprive Hotel Riviera any evidence of defenses.

Without more, Camacho said, the court finds PRC to be the real property in interest and may bring the suit in its own name pursuant to NMI Rules of Civil Procedure.

Probable cause found to charge 2 men with theft of IPI copper wire

Probable cause has been found to charge two men with stealing 39 feet of copper wire worth \$1,018 from the Imperial Pacific International Ltd.'s storage compound in Lower Base.

At a preliminary hearing yesterday, Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho found probable cause to believe that Mario O. Sablan and Frank T. Pangelinan may have conspired to steal the wires.

Sablan and Pangelinan, both 40, were directed to respond to the charges.

The judge ruled to include the crime of attempted theft as a lesser included offense of theft and dismissed the charge.

Arraignment will be on July 24 at 9am.

At the hearing, assistant attorney general Jonathan Wilberscheid, counsel for the government, called to the witness stand police detective John K. Wabol, the officer-in-charge of the case.

Attorney Matthew T. Greg-

ory is court-appointed counsel for Sablan, while assistant public defender Cindy Nesbit is counsel for Pangelinan.

The parties waived any conflict of interest regarding Imperial Pacific.

After the hearing, the defendants were remanded into the custody of the Department of Corrections.

According to police, two officers were heading north by the Gov. Eloy S. Inos Peace Park along Industrial Drive in Lower Base when an employee of Imperial Pacific flagged them down last May 3 in the morning to report a copper wire theft.

The Imperial Pacific employee disclosed that he saw Sablan pulling copper wire through the chain link fence surrounding the Imperial Pacific storage compound. Pangelinan allegedly served as a lookout.

The officers arrested Sablan and Pangelinan at the scene. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

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Consul seeks to enhance Japanese knowledge of Saipan

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The newly appointed Japanese consul to Saipan would like more Japanese to know about their country's shared history with the Commonwealth.

Japanese Consul Kinji Shinoda told *Saipan Tribune* that

Barcinas passes NCLEX-RN

Rezalina Davis Barcinas of Dandan, Saipan recently passed the challenging National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses.

Her feat adds her to those who recently passed their NCLEX exam and could help mitigate the dire need for nurses in the Commonwealth.

Barcinas holds a bachelor's degree in nursing. She later plans to pursue a master's degree in a specific specialization.

She is married to Jonas M. Barcinas, with whom she has two children, Khaiceel and Khaleel.

The NCLEX is a rigorous examination that determines a person's capability to begin practice as an entry-level nurse. (PR)

he himself had no idea of the history that Japan shared with the Commonwealth when he first arrived here.

According to Shinoda, most schools on Japan do not even teach the history of World War II on Saipan. For the past few

months that he has been on Saipan, he has learned so much about the role that the island played in the history of Japan. He hopes to bring back that knowledge to his home country after his consular mission.

Saipan is a former colony

of Japan after it annexed the islands from Germany following World War I.

Shinoda said he has researched about the island of Saipan and discovered that a few years back, Saipan was actually a famous Japanese

vacation destination. He is saddened that the number of Japanese tourists since then has diminished.

The people that he has come across in the few months he has been on the island of Saipan have reportedly been

very hospitable and kind toward him.

According to Shinoda, he feels the bond that Saipan has established with the Japanese on Saipan and he wishes to further strengthen that bond and extend it to his home country.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Registration at Francisco M. Sablan Middle School

The Francisco M. Sablan Middle School is reminding that all students, new and returning, must register for school

year 2017-2018. Returning students must submit a registration form, medical clearance (blue card), and student insurance.

In addition to the three requirements, new students

must submit their birth certificate, copy of last report card from the previous school year, transfer out form (if applicable), and map of residence.

The Francisco M. Sablan Middle School school zone

is south of DPA Car Mart to Koblerville (south of St. Jude Church) and includes the As Gonno area.

All registration forms must be submitted at the office. Upon submission, the office staff will provide free meal applications.

The school supplies lists are available at National Office, Modern Stationary, and at FMS Middle School. (PR)

WSR now accepting registrations

William S. Reyes Elementary School is now accepting registration for new and returning students for school year 2017-2018. Parents and guardians will need the following documents: updated health certificate, updated student insurance/Medicaid, birth certificate (new students), legal guardianship documents (if applicable/must be issued by a U.S. court system; affidavit and power of attorney do not apply). If legal guardianship documents were issued by a foreign court system, all documents must be translated and certified through a U.S. court system. Visit the school to

register. Contact the school at 664-3972 or 237-3542. (PR)

GMS registration

Green Meadow School is now accepting registration for new and returning students for first to eighth grade for school year 2017-2018. Visit the GMS business office in Chalan Kiya or Gualo Rai and pick up the registration form. We are also opening registration for first grade at the Gualo Rai branch. For inquiries call 235-2185, 233-6452 or 483-6452. (PR)

OES now accepting registrations

Oleai Elementary School is now accepting registration for new and returning students for school year 2017-2018. Parents and guardians of returning students are also asked to update registration and all supporting documents. Registration forms are available at our main office. For more information or inquiry, call our main office at 664-3942. (PR)

MHS registration ongoing

Registration for new incoming and returning students for Marianas High School is ongoing until July 31, 2017. Copies of all required documents must be attached before your child can be registered. Call 664-3800/01 or visit www.marianashighschool.com for more information. (PR)

SSHS registration

Saipan Southern High School is now accepting registration for new and returning students for school year 2017-2018. Come to our main office and pick up registration forms. All requirements must be turned in. Call 664-4000/2 for any other information. (PR)

KHS registration

Kagman High School is accepting registrations all summer. It is ideal to get your registration submitted ASAP to get your child scheduled in the optimum classes they need to graduate! So far we have received less than 150 registrations from returning students. We have also received very few registration forms from incoming freshmen! Please don't delay, register your child for school today. Registration can be printed from <https://goo.gl/x2KvcL>. (PR)



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Customs revenue collections up by \$2.7M

Customs director Jose Mafnas announced yesterday another significant increase in revenue collections and fiscal year improvements between 2016 and 2017 following upgrades to detection equipment and operations.

“When comparing revenue collection [between fiscal year] 2016 [and] 2017, the months of October to May collections have moved up by 8.4 percent, which amounts to \$2.7 million. This is a direct result of increased detection of undeclared products and re-evaluation of imported goods,” he said.

Mafnas noted that, in addition to the increased detections and efficiency, the collection of outstanding accounts has improved.

“Strict enforcement, which has steadily progressed since last year, has allowed our inspection process to increase revenue generation and allow our officers to better detect suspicious importations,” he said.

According to Finance Secretary Larrisa Larson, the total amount of revenue collection from October to May 2017 amounts to a total of \$33.8 million with four months left in fiscal year

2017 to take into account.

“Scrutinizing the detection of undervalued high tax rate commodities, detection of undeclared commodities, and increasing the fines and sanctions of counterfeit goods have definitely benefited the economy. Our revenue collections from the Division of Customs have increased every fiscal year. In the same months of [fiscal year] 2016, we collected \$29.2 million and in [fiscal year] 2015, \$20 million

was collected,” Larson said.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres said that customs operations have drastically improved since the Customs Academy was established four years ago.

“With the establishment of the academy and upgrades to the computer system, our sea-ports, airports, and postal offices and the added support of X-ray machines and the [canine] detection units, so much has changed to safeguard our islands and improve our econ-

omy,” Torres said.

He noted that more progress with the “war on ice” is taking center stage.

“More often we are seeing custom officers intercept methamphetamine concealed in small containers that would’ve been difficult to detect in previous years. Our routine inspections at our commuter terminals with the K9 units have also been very successful,” Torres said.

Mafnas said that Customs is regularly trained to ensure all officers are informed of new laws, regulations, and various

drug concealment methods.

Adding on to the changes since the “war on ice” began, Mafnas said the division has also procured new equipment to analyze narcotics.

“The TruNarc identifies narcotics, stimulants, and other drugs, which provide our officers with clear definitive results for presumptive identification and quick interception. We will continue to be vigilant at the ports of entry to ensure that illegal drugs are seized and commodities and goods are accounted for,” he said. **(PR)**



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Sumay Mass at NBS

SANTA RITA, Guam—U.S. Naval Base Guam commanding officer Capt. Hans Sholley is inviting former residents of Sumay village and their descendants to a Mass at the base on July 20.

The event is coordinated with the Santa Rita Mayor’s Office as part of the island’s Liberation Day festivities.

The Mass will be held 11am at the Sumay Cemetery, followed by a luncheon hosted by the mayor’s office. Former Sumay residents and descendants may contact the Santa Rita Mayor’s Office at 565-4337/2514 to arrange access for the Mass.

Sumay village was once known as the “Pearl of the Island” before World War II. Evolving from a small fishing

village to the agricultural and commercial hub for ships in the mid-1800s, it became an economically rich village by the 1930s. **(PR)**

Guam residents to visit Fena Cave

SANTA RITA, Guam—As part of Liberation Day events, a site visit will be held at the Fena Cave located at the Naval Munitions Annex on U.S. Naval Base Guam on July 19.

The visit, coordinated between Naval Base Guam and the Agat Mayor’s Office, will precede a memorial held for Fena Cave Massacre victims at Old Agat Cemetery.

After the cave visit, a memorial will be held at the cemetery.

On July 19, 1944 the Fena Cave Massacre occurred,

when Japanese soldiers killed more than 30 young men and women from Agat and Sumay with grenades and bayonets in the caves near Fena Lake. During the past several years, the NBG commanding officer has invited the victims’ families to visit the cave as part of Liberation Day ceremonies. **(PR)**

Free kid and teen camps this summer

Church 360 will be hosting a free Kids’ Camps on July 17-20, from 9am to noon, at Church 360 for ages 4-11. Kagman Community Church will also be hosting the same Kids’ Camps on July 24-27, from 9am to noon.

Church 360 will also be hosting free Teen Sports Clinics on July 17-20, from

2:30pm to 5pm at the Oleai sports complex.

Kagman Community Church will also host the same Teen Sports Clinics on July 24-27, from 2:30pm to 5pm at the Kagman II basketball court and field. The Kagman Basketball Clinic will also be open to high school boys.

Transportation is available for the Kagman events to any students in Kagman if they call ahead. Email flybjrew@yahoo.com or call 256-8171 and ask for Joy to pre-register and reserve a spot or for more information. **(PR)**

Youth fishing derby on Rota on July 23

The Rota Mayor’s Office will be hosting a youth fishing derby at the Teteto Beach on Sunday, July 23, from 9am to 4pm. Interested participants must fill out application forms at the Rota Mayor’s Office. Participants must be ages 5 to 8 and 9 to 12. There will be an orientation at the Teteto Pavilion on Sunday, July 23, at 8:30am. Cash prizes will be given to the participant who collects the most number of fish. Prizes are \$75 for first place, \$50 for second place, and \$25 for third place. **(MVA)**

MyPROS to host July 22 gala

The Marianas Young Professionals will host a White Beach Gala at the Surf Club on July 22. Tickets can be purchased from any Events Committee member. Tickets previously bought are still honored for the new date. For more information, check out MYPros Facebook page at facebook.com/mypros670/. **(PR)**

Ongoing gambling survey

The Substance Abuse & Rehabilitation Program is conducting a “Gambling Survey” to gather baseline data in order to help determine if a further comprehensive screening tool or assessment is needed in regards to gambling in the CNMI. An online version of the survey can be taken at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FDKXYNH>. The last day to complete the online survey is this Saturday, July 15, 2017. **(PR)**



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Head Start Policy Council Final Meeting Agenda

Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9910(a), the Head Start Policy Council hereby gives notice that it will have a Special Meeting on Wednesday, July 19, 2017 at 3:30 p.m., at the Head Start Administrative Office in Capitol Hill Building 1256.

I. Preliminary Matters

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Quorum
4. Adoption of Agenda
5. Adoption of Minutes

II. New Business

1. FY 17-18 Head Start Supplemental Grant- Hawaii Outer Pacific

III. Public Comments

IV. Miscellaneous

V. Executive Session²

VI. Next Meeting

VII. Adjournment

This meeting is open to the public, interested individuals are welcome to attend. Any person(s) requiring special accommodations may contact Mrs. Candace Q. Celis at (670) 664-3761 or email address at candace.celis@cnmipss.org, several days of notice is required.

/s/ Ana Ada
Chairwoman

¹ Pursuant to BOE Policy 0415, public comments are limited to 30 minutes. We ask that remarks be limited to 3 minutes each. Everyone is welcomed to submit written comments.

² Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Council may vote to meet in executive session at any time.



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July 12, 2017

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, the Board of Directors of the Commonwealth Development Authority (CDA) thru its Chairman, hereby informs the general public that the CDA Board of Directors will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, July 20, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. the meeting will be held at the CDA conference room, first floor, CDA Building in Oleai, Saipan. The Agenda for this meeting is as follows:

AGENDA

I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

1. Roll Call
2. Adoption of Agenda

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

III. REPORTS

1. Executive Director’s Report
 - a) Administrative/Personnel Matters
 - b) Loan Matters
 - c) Qualifying Certificate (QC) Program Matters
2. Comptroller’s Report
3. Legal Counsel’s Report

IV. OLD BUSINESS

1. Housing Financing

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. Bank of Guam Investment
2. ADIAP Conference/Micronesia Challenge
3. CNMI State Bank Bill

VI. Other Matters

VII. Executive Session

VIII. Adjournment

All interested persons are welcome to attend and to submit written or oral testimony on the above agenda items. (Note: Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a)(7) and Section 13(c), the Board may vote to meet in executive session.)

/s/ IGNACIO L. PEREZ
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INVITATION FOR BIDS DPW-17-IFB-023

SUPPLY, DELIVERY & INSTALLATION OF NEW PERIMETER FENCE FOR THE SUBSTANCE ABUSE & REHABILITATION FACILITY, SAIPAN

Governor Ralph DLG. Torres and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed bids for Supply, Delivery & Installation of New Perimeter Fence for the Substance Abuse & Rehabilitation Facility, Saipan Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package will be available on or after **July 11, 2017** at Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works, located on Second Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, San Jose, Saipan.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations currently in effect.”

THE PROVISIONS OF THE CNMI PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, NMIAC SECTION 70-30.3-725 AND 70-30.3-730 PROHIBITING GRATUITIES, KICKBACKS AND CONTINGENT FEES SHALL APPLY.

There will be a **Pre-bid Conference** for this project on **July 27, 2017, 9:00 a.m. local time** at the project site, Saipan. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on **August 11, 2017** to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547. Response to questions shall be shared with prospective bidders.

Sealed bids must be marked **“DPW-17-IFB-023”**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, located at the former Emergency Management Office, Ascension Drive, Building No. 1301, Capitol Hill, Saipan, no later than **10:00 a.m. local time August 16, 2017**. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional Seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than **10:00 a.m. local time, August 16, 2017**, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@opticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **August 16, 2017** and the BID documents must be received at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than **August 25, 2017**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, located at the former Emergency Management Office, Ascension Drive, Building No. 1301, Capitol Hill, Saipan, at **10:00 a.m. local time, August 30, 2017**. However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at **10:30 a.m. local time, on August 16, 2017**.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (**\$25,000.00**) a bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. **Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashiers check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. Surety requiring approval of the Attorney General must be pre-approved prior to bid submission.** Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: “Credit Account No. 44660”. If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations **§70-30.3-245**. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than \$25,000.00. Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

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All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

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After the siege: The defeat of IS raises new questions about Mosul

The fall of Mosul to a coalition of forces led by government troops and supported by Americans brought to an end a nine-month attack on and siege of the ancient Iraqi city.

Mosul had been held by the Islamic State, from which the IS had declared its caliphate, since June 2014. Its control by the IS had been a grave embarrassment to the Baghdad government of Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi, and he went there to proclaim its fall and to praise the hodgepodge of forces that took it on Sunday.

There remain unresolved issues surrounding Mosul. The issue for Americans at this point is the degree to which these questions engage the United States, which still has some 5,000 troops in Iraq.

The first of these is future control of Mosul. The “liberation” was carried out by the Iraqi government’s predominantly Shiite Muslim forces, plus Iranian Shiite and Iraqi Shiite militias, Kurds and the Americans, who provided the air support that played a large part in driving out the IS. Al-Abadi hopes that his government will assume control of Mosul, supported by the Americans, but that is not a done deal.

A second problem, perhaps the most urgent one, is providing humanitarian relief both to residents of Mosul, who stayed behind and endured the siege and liberation, and to returnees, people who fled and now will seek to return to what is left of their homes and businesses. The burden of that task should fall to the Iraqi government, to nongovernmental humanitarian organizations and, perhaps, to the United States.

A third long-term problem is the reconstruction of Mosul. Basically, the allied attackers destroyed the city to save it, leaving particularly the western part of Mosul in ruins, largely from U.S. air strikes. Organizations like Amnesty International are blaming the United States and its allies, rightly or wrongly, for the high toll of civilian deaths that occurred during the battle. There is a sort of “you broke it, you bought it” aspect to this chapter of U.S. combat in Iraq.

A fourth question is what to do about the IS forces that fled into the rest of Iraq and Syria as they were pushed out of Mosul. The U.S.-supported battle for Raqqa in Syria, the other ostensible IS capital, continues. There is some small hope that it will not last as long as the effort to take Mosul, but it could. In any case, there are still many IS forces running loose in both Iraq and Syria and what to do about them remains a preoccupying question, in Baghdad, Damascus, Washington and Moscow.

It is safe to say that most Americans, apart from the ones who continue to make money from the conflict in Iraq, are completely tired of war there. It started in 1991 and has con-

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The hypocrisy about Russia from left and right

I am a member of the last generation that grew up thinking the Soviet Union was a godless, murderous regime that cast its enslaved inhabitants into perpetual darkness. I remember sitting at my desk at St. Mary’s Academy in 1967, praying for the souls of the boys and girls, the future swimmers, gymnasts, ballerinas, pole vaulters, weightlifters and cosmonauts who would battle us for world domination.

I didn’t put a lot of effort into those prayers, because even at that young age I knew that those kids hated us as much as we hated Ovaltine (if you know what it is, you understand; and if you don’t know what it is, I can’t even begin to explain).

As I grew older, I became fascinated with what I called “Russia,” because even though I knew there were a lot of countries with distinct and separate cultures that had been swallowed up by this monstrous geographical hydra, I couldn’t pronounce 99 percent of the places with names that ended in “azakstan,” “bekistan,” “iki-stan” and other things that sounded like seasonal allergies.

Russia was so seductive precisely because it was so foreign. For all that, it was our greatest enemy, which seemed silly to Generation X and millennials until this year, when it wasn’t silly anymore. We had very little information about what was going on behind the Iron Curtain. We knew that their women were being crossbred with yaks and Ural mountain goats from the glimpses that we saw at the Olympics (except for Olga Korbut, who looked like a Slavic version of Mary Ann from Gilligan’s Island), and we knew they were sending men into space with annoying frequency, but beyond that and the occasional shoe banging at the United Nations, they were under the radar and an enigma.

So when Russia, this time divorced from all of the “-stans,” made its reappearance in our national consciousness as a honest-to-God “thing,” I found myself strangely delighted. It was as if the years had melted away and I was catapulted backward to the time I had a crush on Rudolph Nureyev.

The floodgates of memory opened as I watched President Trump play diplomatic “footsky” with his Russian counterpart, Vladimir Putin, and I recalled the time that John F. Kennedy wrapped Nikita Krushchev in a warm bear hug and Richard Nixon chatted amicably with Leonid Brezhnev about how to keep their wives happy. I even remember Ronald Reagan suggesting to Mikhail Gorbachev that if he didn’t want to tear down the wall, he’d send Nancy over to give him some ideas about how to make it more aesthetically presentable.

And then I woke up.

It is impossible to remember a time in recent history (or since Leon Trotsky was sent to that big gulag in the sky,) when we as a nation were more chummy with the Slavs. Some people think that this is a great idea and that Trump is engaging in mental jiu

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jitsu with the Russians. Keep your friends close and your enemies in Trump Tower (including your idiot son and son-in-law, as the saying goes).

Some of those people who think this way, uniformly Trump-supporting conservatives, are new to this “liking Russia” game. They spent most of their lives attacking the Soviets as the evil empire, which it most certainly was. I felt that way, and still feel that way, because any regime based on a godless rejection of the innate dignity of human beings is a despotic hellhole. The fact that you now want to open trade relations with and to reduce sanctions on that hellhole does not change its intrinsic nature.

Plus, I’d hate to think all of those prayers at St. Mary’s were wasted and the Soviets were actually living the good life while I was drinking Ovaltine.

But apparently, the people who used to hate the Soviets now like Russia, because Trump likes Russia and they want to support our president. That’s fine, if hypocritical. The horrible communist monsters have not changed their fundamental character, regardless of how much we want to hold hands and sing “Kumbayatski, Boris, Kumbayatski.”

But far more jarring than the sight of conservatives embracing the pinkos is the sight of our own homegrown pinkos, the American Left, now rejecting the very country they once held up as a model of social engineering. Liberals in the United States have always had good things to say about socialism, which is communism’s prettier younger sister who doesn’t wear a babushka or have a hairy mole on her cheek. Now, however, they are hysterically and hilariously pointing to Russia as, wait for it, the “evil empire,” and Reagan keeps kicking Nancy in the head with all the revolutions he’s making in their shared grave.

The hypocrisy from the left is as astounding as it is expected, because anything it can do to delegitimize this president is fair game. And it is getting a run for its money in the chutzpah department from the old-line neocons who once wanted to bomb the USSR out of existence and now think all American children should be forced to learn how to spell in Cyrillic.

Comrade, we have a problem.

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Finding and funding the best ways to fight terrorism

Most Americans can agree on at least one thing: They want the threat from Islamist terrorism to diminish. How to achieve that, however, is much more contentious. Case in point: the federal government's Countering Violent Extremism, or CVE, program.

George Selim, the director of the Office of Community Partnerships, has described CVE as, "the first federal assistance program devoted exclusively to providing local communities with the resources to counter violent extremism in the homeland ... to support new and existing community-based efforts to counter violent extremist recruitment and radicalization to violence."

This sums up the Obama administration's preference for local, community-led initiatives to CVE. In the last days of the Obama administration, the Department of Homeland Security announced \$10 million worth of CVE grants for 31 organiza-

tions that reflected this preference.

Yet with the Trump administration seemingly more skeptical of CVE's worth, re-evaluations took place based on these groups' track record of effectiveness and potential for delivering results. The outcome of these deliberations was recently revealed when the DHS approved \$10 million worth of grants to 26 organizations to carry out CVE work.

However, when the grants are examined, it appears Secretary John Kelly is trying to re-calibrate CVE away from a community-driven approach and toward law enforcement.

Furthermore, those who could offer greater accountability were apparently prioritized over feel-good community projects. For example, one grant that was completely cut was for Music in Common, which says it "empowers diverse cultures and faiths to discover common ground through collaborative songwriting,

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multimedia and performance." Worthy aims, perhaps, yet it is hard to argue they should be taxpayer-funded, and harder still to argue that it will make America safer from terrorism.

Another group Homeland Security is now choosing not to back is the Muslim Public Affairs Council, or MPAC. This was perhaps the most controversial of the original DHS grants, considering MPAC's historic ideological sympathies towards the Muslim Brotherhood and equivocal attitude toward the terrorist group Hamas.

One of the group's founders, Salam al-Marayati, took to the airwaves after 9/11 to say Israel should be considered a suspect behind the attack and has described Hezbollah military operations as "legitimate resistance." MPAC statements are also often critical of U.S. counterterrorism efforts, which the council has sought to cast as a war on Islam itself.

That some of the groups the DHS chose to financially back were slightly different was also not always DHS's choice. Of the 31 identified by the Obama administration, four dropped out, seemingly unwilling to work alongside the Trump administration. This included Ka Joog, whose ambition is to "create a better world by providing community-based, culturally specific programs and services to Somali youth and their family," and Unity Productions Foundation, which aimed to "counter bigotry and create peace through the media."

This apparent shift away from a community-led approach is close to heresy for some CVE professionals, both in the U.S. and in Europe. Yet we do not really know that a "community-led" response is better, or reduces trust in government, because conceptually it is so hard to measure satisfactorily CVE's efficacy. And without those satisfactory metrics, the temptation will be for governments across the world to just keep chucking money at the problem and hope or presume it is doing some good.

For now, however, Homeland Security appears to have adopted a more hardheaded approach to CVE—and made at least some headway in bringing greater accountability to its spending.

Truth delayed is truth denied

The legal maxim "Justice delayed is justice denied" is an oft-heard phrase in America. It means if legal redress or justice for an injured party takes a long time coming, it is the same as having no justice at all.

But what about truth?

If truth rolls off the tongue grudgingly, reluctantly over a period of time and only in the face of more questions, is truth delayed, truth denied to those whose lives are affected by what is said and done?

Take those affiliated with the Trump campaign who claimed there were no meetings or connections with Russian officials during America's 2016 presidential election.

King Donald himself said back in March of this year that he had "nothing to do with Russia" and "to the best of my knowledge, no person that I deal with does."

So, how best is his knowledge? Or rather, how truthful is his expression of his knowledge?

In the face of each new revelation uncovered by *Washington Post* and *New York Times* reporters, Trump administration and campaign members, current and former, keep changing their stories, amending facts, restating misstatements.

It's like watching Pinocchio in the circus known as the Trump administration:

Watch fabulous former national security adviser Michael Flynn fly out of a cannon when in January he said he had no substantive conversations with the Russian Ambassador Sergey Kislyak. Then, in the face of contrary evidence, he resigns in February saying he "inadvertently" provided incomplete information to Vice President Mike Pence about his phone calls with the Russian ambassador.

See the amazing former foreign policy adviser for the Trump campaign Carter Page walk the high wire when he said in February he had no meetings with Russian officials in 2016. Then, faced with contrary evidence, he admits in March that he talked to Russian Ambassador Kislyak at the Republican Convention.

Witness the dazzling Attorney General Jeff Sessions swing from the flying trapeze when he said in January he had not met with any Russian officials in 2016. Then two months later, in the face of contrary evidence, he says he met with one Russian official.

A recent "Moyers & Company" timeline on Trump and Russia reported that Flynn and other members of the Trump campaign, including son-in-law Jared Kushner, had 18 phone calls or emails with Russian officials.

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Now the newest act in the Trump family circus: Watch Trump's son Donald Jr. dance with the elephants as he admits he met with the Russians in Trump Tower in 2016 after the promise that the Russians had dirt on then-presidential candidate Hillary Clinton that might be helpful to them in winning the election.

Dancing Donald Jr.'s admission came after *The New York Times* reported additional information on the meeting that he initially claimed was about Russian adoptions.

It seems to be a pattern among the many current and former members of the Trump campaign and administration. The truth comes slowly in the face of press reports.

Well, truth should not be a marathon—a meandering journey at a plodding pace along a winding road. Truth should not be a 400-meter relay—with bends, turns, hand-offs and dropped batons.

Truth should be a one-step sprint. A fast, straight line. An honest breath inhaled and exhaled with no stumbles, no falls—from start to truth.

Those who have trouble sprinting to the truth have something to hide.

Let's put a stop to hate crimes

A few months ago, I was walking with my partner in the Jack London Square area of Oakland, Calif., when we were approached by five men in their late 20s or early 30s. One of them yelled, "Dyke!" and another asked, "What are you two, a couple of lesbians?"

They surrounded us, and we were afraid. I replied, "Yes, but you say that as if that is a bad thing." I heard laughter. I'm not sure from whom. Fortunately, the group walked away.

As a black lesbian, I have had the N-word hurled at me more times than I care to remember. Ditto for the B-word. And when I weighed 200 pounds more, I was insulted based on my weight, a physical disability.

It did not occur to me to report any of these incidents as hate crimes. That's not surprising. According to the U.S. Department of Justice, more than half of hate crimes go unreported.

Hate crimes and incidents may be predicated on race, religion, disability, gender identity or immigrant status. They can range from property crimes to murder. And they are on the rise.

According to a report by the California Department of Justice released on July 3, hate crimes in California rose more than 11 percent from 2015 to 2016, to a total of 931 incidents. Race-related hate crimes were up more than 20 percent.

And it's happening all over the country. "California is an amplified version of what's going on nationally," said professor Brian Levin, the director of the Center for the Study of Hate and

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Extremism at Cal State San Bernardino.

It's not surprising that hate crimes have increased, given the current political climate. Politicians have emboldened white supremacist groups and stoked fears about immigrants and Muslims.

In the week following the 2016 presidential election, the Southern Poverty Law Center documented more than 700 "reports of hateful incidents of harassment around the country." The Council on American-Islamic Relations documented a 57 percent increase in anti-Muslim incidents in 2016 over 2015.

Recently, a Mississippi man became the first person prosecuted under the Hate Crimes Prevention Act, for the 2015 murder of a transgender teenaged girl. He shocked her with a stun gun, stabbed her and bashed her head with a hammer.

California Attorney General Xavier Becerra, responding to the recent report showing a rise in hate crimes, said in a statement, "When someone commits a crime motivated by hate, it is not just an attack on one innocent person, but an attack on the entire state and our communities."

Americans need to recognize the danger to our society posed by hate crimes and hateful behavior and work toward tolerance and acceptance. Lives depend on it.

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tinued intermittently ever since, for some 26 years. It has also been expensive, in American lives and money. The fall of IS in Mosul is, indisputably, a step in the right direction. At the same time, the questions it leaves unresolved and the level of continued U.S. involvement that resolution of them could entail are very disturbing to a country trying to figure out its real priorities in foreign and domestic policies.

The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN


TODAY



Partly sunny with isolated showers and thunderstorms. East winds 5 to 15 mph.

▲89° ▼78°


WEDNESDAY



Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. East winds 5 to 10 mph.

▲88° ▼78°


THURSDAY



Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. East winds 5 to 10 mph.

▲88° ▼78°


FRIDAY



Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

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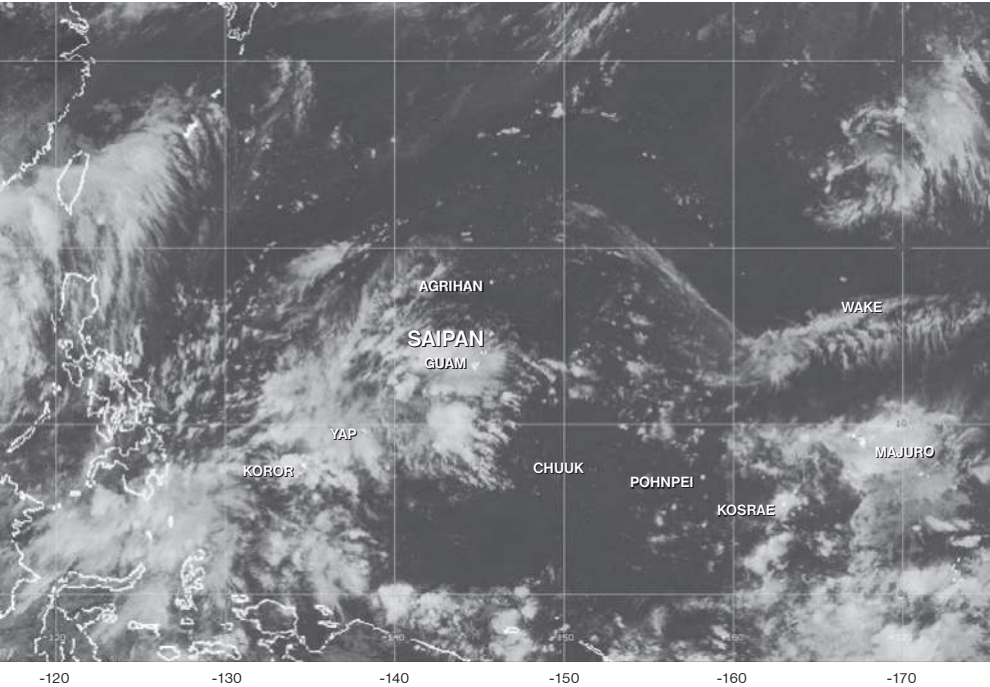
SATURDAY



Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

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YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



PICTURE TIME: 1:04 PM, MONDAY, JULY 17, 2017
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Little change to the forecast, as models indicate a pattern of sporadic convective outbreaks over the next few days. Have kept isolated showers and thunderstorms in the forecast, but periods of scattered showers are possible, depending on where the outbreaks occur. Winds and seas will decrease slowly as the week progresses, and the rip risk should become low by Tuesday.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA			▲▼°F
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	85° / 79°	
Palau	Thunderstorms	84° / 75°	
Yap	Thunderstorms	86° / 79°	
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	86° / 79°	
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	85° / 78°	
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	85° / 78°	
Majuro	Thunderstorms	85° / 80°	

AROUND THE GLOBE			▲▼°F
Auckland	Mostly Cloudy	61° / 54°	
Beijing	Mostly Sunny	93° / 79°	
Hong Kong	Thunderstorms	88° / 81°	
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	86° / 75°	
London	Partly Cloudy	77° / 66°	
Los Angeles	Mostly Sunny	84° / 67°	
Manila	Thunderstorms	90° / 79°	
Melbourne	Showers	54° / 45°	
Miami	Thunderstorms	88° / 80°	
New York	Partly Cloudy	85° / 73°	
Osaka	Thunderstorms	90° / 79°	
Paris	Mostly Sunny	93° / 73°	
Busan	Mostly Sunny	88° / 77°	
Rome	Sunny	90° / 66°	
Salem	Thunderstorms	88° / 71°	
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	62° / 52°	
Seoul	Thunderstorms	88° / 73°	
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	88° / 75°	
Washington, DC	Thunderstorms	91° / 76°	



NMI CRIME STOPPERS

Anonymous tips can now be submitted through the following:

- Call 234-7272 (PAPA) on any telephone
- *11 on any IT&E cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.net

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY			FEET
1:59 AM	HIGH TIDE	1.97	
9:08 AM	LOW TIDE	0.27	
3:24 PM	HIGH TIDE	1.46	
8:38 PM	LOW TIDE	0.84	

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	5:55 AM	6:50 PM
Wednesday	5:55 AM	6:50 PM
Thursday	5:56 AM	6:50 PM
Friday	5:56 AM	6:50 PM
Saturday	5:56 AM	6:50 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	12:45 AM	1:33 PM	-
Wednesday	1:34 AM	2:32 PM	-
Thursday	2:26 AM	3:34 PM	-
Friday	3:23 AM	4:36 PM	-
Saturday	4:23 AM	5:39 PM	-

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF JULY 16, 2017

DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA6394	4:15am	5:05am	Daily	UA6393	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA6392	8:40am	9:30am	Daily	UA6395	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA6391	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota	UA6391	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA6390	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6	UA6390	12:10pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6 via Rota
UA6398	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily	UA6397	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily
UA6396	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily	UA6399	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily
SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)				GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)			
UA6391	1:30pm	2:05pm	1, 4, 5, 7	UA6390	12:10pm	12:45pm	2, 3, 6
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)				ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN			
UA6391	2:35pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7	UA6390	1:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
TW308	1:35am	5:20am	2, 3, 4	7C3402	9:30am	3:00pm	Daily
OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1	ZE581	10:10am	3:55pm	Daily
TW308	2:35am	6:20am	6, 7	TW307	7:05pm	12:35am+1	1, 2, 3
OZ626	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
7C3403	4:45am	8:30am	Daily	TW307	8:05pm	1:35am+1	5, 6
LJ652	4:45am	8:35am	1, 4, 5, 7	OZ625	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3401	4:00pm	7:45pm	Daily	7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily
ZE582	4:45pm	8:35pm	Daily	LJ651	10:00pm	3:30am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
7C3451	3:10am	6:10am	1, 7	7C3452	9:00pm	2:10am+1	4
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7	OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 6
7C3451	4:00am	7:05am	4, 5	7C3452	9:05pm	2:10am+1	3, 6, 7
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8648	5:20am	8:00am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:20pm	4:30am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6	3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-HANGZHOU (HGH)				HANGZHOU (HGH)-SAIPAN			
JD396	7:00am	10:25am	1	JD395	8:10am	3:30pm	4
JD396	4:50pm	8:15pm	4	JD395	10:05pm	5:30am+1	7
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)				BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU764	1:30am	6:35am	1, 3, 5, 7	MU763	4:25pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL297	4:15pm	7:00pm	Daily	DL298	10:20am	2:50pm	Daily
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ626/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN	UA190/6397	9:55am	5:35pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ626/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
UA6394/191	4:15am	8:55am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM	OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA6394/PR111	4:15am	9:00am	1, 2, 4, 6 via GUM	PR1571	9:20pm	3:40am+1	3, 7
UA6394/PR111	4:15am	9:15am	3, 5, 7 via GUM	UA192/6395	9:45pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
PR1572	4:40am	6:45am	1, 4	UA184/6395	10:25pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA6391/183	1:30pm	8:50pm	5 via Rota-GUM	PR110/UA6395	10:55pm	8:05am+1	Daily via GUM
UA6391/183	1:30pm	9:10pm	1, 4, 7 via Rota-GUM	UA184/6395	11:30pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM
UA6391/193	1:30pm	10:40pm	5 via Rota-GUM-ROR				
UA6390/183	2:20pm	8:50pm	2 via GUM				
UA6390/183	2:20pm	9:10pm	3, 6 via GUM				
UA6390/193	2:20pm	10:40pm	2 via GUM-ROR				
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)				HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
HX077	2:00am	5:00am	1, 4	OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:20am	11:40am	1 via ICN	OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:40am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	U042	4:50pm	12:05am+1	2, 6
U043	4:40am	8:10am	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7	HX076	5:20pm	12:30am+1	3, 7
UA6391/159	1:30pm	9:50pm	1, 5 via Rota-GUM	U042	6:05pm	1:10am+1	1
UA6390/159	2:20pm	9:50pm	3, 6 via GUM	U042	6:10pm	1:00am+1	3
				U042	6:10pm	1:10am+1	4
				U042	6:40pm	2:00am+1	7
				UA116/6395	10:45pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U Sichuan Airlines, 7C Jeju Air, DL Delta Airlines, JD Beijing Capital, UO HK Express, HX HongKong Airlines, LJ Jin Air, MU China Eastern, OZ Asiana Airlines, TW t'way Air, UA United Airlines, ZE Eastar Jet, PR PAL Express; ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. *(The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)*

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SAIPAN TO ROTA			
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1301	7:30AM	8:00AM	Daily
1302	11:30AM	12:00PM	Daily
1303	4:00PM	4:30PM	Daily
ROTA TO SAIPAN			
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3101	8:15AM	8:45AM	Daily
3102	1:45PM	2:15PM	Daily
3103	4:45PM	5:15PM	Daily
ROTA TO GUAM			
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3401	12:15PM	12:45PM	Daily
GUAM TO ROTA			
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
4301	1:00PM	1:30PM	Daily
SAIPAN TO TINIAN			
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1201	7:00AM	7:15AM	Daily
1202	8:00AM	8:15AM	Daily
1203	9:00AM	9:15AM	Daily

30 from Tonga govt undergo int'l accounting training



Workshop facilitators and participants.
CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The Pacific Association for Supreme Audit Institutions and the University of the South Pacific partnered last week to promote improved government transparency and accountability through training on "International Public Sector Accounting Standards."

The weeklong training, from July 3 to July 7, for Tonga government accountants and auditors concluded on

Friday in Nuku'alofa, Tonga. It was attended by 30 participants from the Office of the Auditor-General, Ministry of Finance and National Planning, government ministries, and public enterprises. The participants are now equipped with the skills needed to produce financial statements in line with international accounting standards.

"The high level of partici-

pation, including attendance during a public holiday, underscores the importance of attaining the world's best accounting skills and standards," said Sefita Tangi, auditor-general of Tonga.

The USP also delivered an online course on IPSAS Cash Basis using its online learning management system called "Moodle." Four staff of the Tonga Office of the Auditor-

General and two from the Ministry of Finance and National Planning participated in this online learning.

"Australia is pleased to support this important work in Tonga. Strengthened accounting skills and broader public financial management will help to build the confidence of both the general public and those wanting to invest in Tonga's future," said Australia

lia deputy high commissioner Rhona McPhee.

The program is one of the activities under the Support for External Oversight Function of the Public Financial Management System (Tonga), which aims to enhance the knowledge and interpretation of IPSAS and their application. The use of cases from the Tonga government and public enterprises accounts assisted

the participants in understanding the practical application of the standards. The knowledge gained from the training hopes to improve the quality of the financial statements of Tonga government and public enterprises.

PASAI acknowledges the financial support of the Australian government in improving public financial management in Tonga. (PR)

Work continues to restore coral in Apra Harbor

PITI, Guam—Navy divers and marine biologist divers have been working since June 28 to restore coral accidentally impacted during a military exercise at Jade Shoals in Apra Harbor.

"We always strive to be good stewards of the environment no matter where we are," said Naval Base Guam commanding officer Capt. Hans Sholley. "This is part of our outreach to the community and part of our responsibilities as stewards of

the environment to help with projects like this."

In a well-coordinated One Guam cooperative effort, divers are relocating the coral rubble dislodged by a French navy landing craft to a deep sandy area to prevent it from scouring the nearby live coral with wave action. The dive team are also planning to reattach and stabilize 17 of the larger coral heads at suitable sites using a special cement mixture, rebar, meshing, and cable ties.

While coral reattachment is uncommon in Guam, a 2015 experiment used Navy divers enabled them to relocate 120 coral colonies within Apra Harbor. The experience gained during the relocation efforts bodes well for the Jade Shoals project.

"It has been over two years since those corals were transferred," said NBG/Naval Facilities Engineering Command Marianas Environmental Program director Ed Moon. "After five monitoring surveys by



Divers and biologists aboard boats from Navy Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit 5 and the Guam Department of Agriculture Division of Aquatic and Wildlife Resources depart from the Apra Harbor seaplane ramp to take part in the Jade Shoals coral restoration project in Piti on June 29.

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From left, Guam Environmental Protection Agency Environmental Monitor Analytical Services administrator Jesse Cruz, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration biologist Valerie Brown, and Navy Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit Five chief explosive ordnance disposal technician J.P. Delassus take part in an early morning briefing on the Jade Shoals coral restoration project at the Apra Harbor seaplane ramp in Piti on June 29.

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marine biologists, the vast majority of corals have survived the translocation."

In the spirit of One Guam, project partners include personnel from NBG, Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit Five, the Guam Environmental Protection Agency, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Bureau of Statistics and Plans Guam Coastal Management Program, Department of Agriculture Division of Aquatic and Wildlife Resources, University of Guam Marine Lab, Guam Customs and Quarantine Agency, and the Port Authority of Guam.

"A clean and safe environment is one of the greatest legacies we can pass along to our future generations," said Guam Environmental Protection Agency administrator Walter Leon Guerrero. "Given the limited resources that exist on our island, our agency is blessed to have a great support network with our local and federal counterparts. PAG, Guam CQA, DAWR and UOG along with NOAA and Naval Base Guam have answered the call of a coral reef in distress."

Marine biologists on the One Guam team evaluated the damage and developed a restoration

plan for the Jade Shoals coral site that was affected.

"It is unfortunate that this incident occurred in the first place," said Leon Guerrero, "but we are glad to know that we can count on the sense of environmental stewardship of these concerned agencies, and we cannot thank them enough."

"We're happy to provide divers and support for this critically important project to help make this a pristine place and to make Apra Harbor a wonderful habitat," said Sholley. The team anticipates completion of the Jade Shoals coral restoration project by the end of July. (USN)

Business

White House planning 'Made in America' week

PISCATAWAY TOWNSHIP, New Jersey (AP)—Plagued by daily revelations related to the escalating Russia investigations, the White House is dubbing the coming week "Made in America week" as it tries to focus on issues that matter to the president's base.

Speaking to reporters at a hotel near President Donald Trump's golf course in Bedminster, New Jersey, White House director of media affairs Helen Aguirre Ferre said Sunday that the White House will be hosting a "Made in America" product showcase Monday featuring products

from all 50 states.

The president also is expected to issue a proclamation Wednesday on the importance of making goods in America, and will travel to Virginia on Saturday for the commissioning of the USS Gerald R. Ford, a new aircraft carrier.

"For too long our government has forgotten the American worker. Their interests were pushed aside for global projects and their wealth was taken from the communities and shipped overseas," said Ferre. "Under the leadership of President Donald Trump, not only will the American

worker never be forgotten, but they will be championed."

Trump has pledged to bring back U.S. manufacturing jobs lost to technological innovation and outsourcing by scaling back regulations and renegotiating the country's trade deals. It's an issue that resonates with the president's base, and one that senior aides sought to highlight Sunday as the president spent the weekend attending the U.S. Women's Open golf championship at a course he owns.

The effort comes amid escalating inquiries into possible ties between Trump campaign

aides and the Russian government, which intelligence agencies have concluded meddled in the 2016 election in an effort to help Trump win.

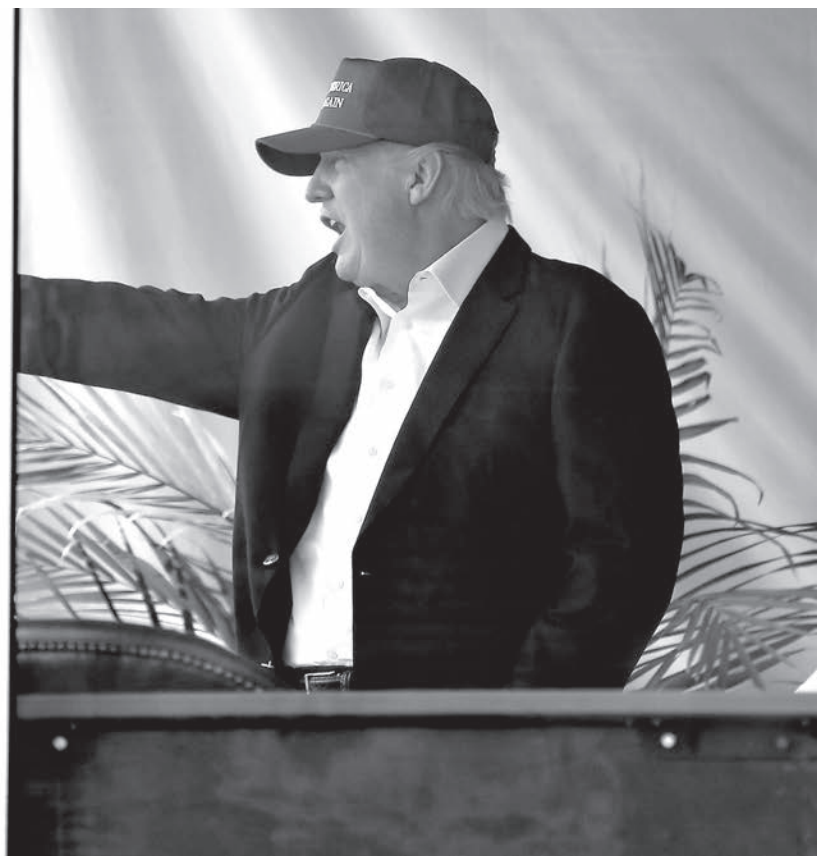
But critics have accused Trump of hypocrisy when he's pushed "Made in America" in the past because so many of the products he and his family members have sold over the years were manufactured overseas. That includes merchandise sold under his own name and his eldest daughter's, including clothing items and shoes.

Asked whether the president would use his "Made in America" week to commit

the Trump organization and his daughter's brand to make more of their products in America, rather than overseas, Ferre was non-committal.

"We'll get back to you on that," she said.

The president's financial assets are currently being held in a trust. Ivanka Trump stepped back from day-to-day management of her brand before taking on an official role as a White House adviser.



President Donald Trump reacts to spectators as he watches the third round of the U.S. Women's Open Golf tournament from his observation booth, Saturday, July 15, 2017, in Bedminster, N.J.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Europe horse meat scam: At least 66 people arrested

BRUSSELS (AP)—Authorities have arrested at least 66 people in a European food scam which sold horse meat unfit for human consumption. European Union police coordinating organization Europol announced Sunday that eight nations cooperated in the operation. In Spain, 65 people face a series of charges relating to public health, money laundering and animal abuse. The operation took several months and the chief suspect, a Dutch businessman, was arrested in Belgium in April. Spain's Civil Guard said that the criminal ring acquired horses in Spain and Portugal that were "in poor shape, old, or had been designated 'not apt for consumption.'" After falsifying paperwork

and substituting microchips used to identify the horses, the animals were slaughtered and the meat shipped to Belgium. The Civil Guard said that the profits from the illegal meat could reach 20 million euros (\$23 million) a year. The case was linked to a 2013 scandal when Irish authorities detected beef burgers containing horse meat. Authorities in Belgium, France, Italy, Portugal, Romania, Switzerland, Britain and Spain cooperated in the operation.

Schumer asking Amtrak to discard the idea of shrinking seats

NEW YORK (AP)—U.S. Sen. Charles Schumer is asking Amtrak to discard the idea of creating new economy seating with reduced legroom aboard its trains. Schumer says in a statement Sunday

that Amtrak should find other ways to save money without burdening passengers. Outgoing Amtrak co-chief executive Wick Moorman said last week that the company was looking at creating the "economy" seating that would add more rows of seats in an effort to make more money. Schumer is calling the idea "right out of the airline's playbook." The senator from New York is urging Amtrak to "scrap the shrinking seats idea" and look at other ways of making money. He said the government should invest in Amtrak every year so the company doesn't have to consider proposals that hurt the consumer.

Korean jet loses radio contact, escorted to German airport

BERLIN (AP)—German authorities say a South Korean

airliner headed for Switzerland was escorted to Stuttgart Airport by two German military jets after losing radio contact. Police said officials determined after the Boeing 777 landed safely on Saturday evening that there was a problem with the aircraft's radio equipment. They said Sunday that they received some 250 calls from residents because of sonic booms caused by the two fighter jets. The German news agency dpa reported that Stuttgart Airport said the 211 passengers on the Korean Air flight from Seoul to Zurich had to spend the night on cots in a terminal because it wasn't possible to organize buses at the late hour and there weren't enough hotel beds available. The passengers were taken to Switzerland by bus early Sunday.

News flash: You won't like all your colleagues

YOUR OFFICE COACH

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Q: One of my co-workers drives me absolutely crazy. "Monica" is very emotional and dislikes any sort of change. She always seems to have some type of medical issue and constantly talks about her visits to the doctor. Whenever Monica begins speaking, I immediately start to cringe.

Although I love my job, Monica is so aggravating that I no longer look forward to going to work. I took my concerns about her to management, but so far they haven't done anything. What should I do now?

A: If you're asking what you should do about Monica's personality, the answer is nothing. Since you haven't mentioned any work-related issues, the only problem seems to be that you find her annoying. So what you really need to do is adjust your own attitude.

Like many folks, you appear to have the unrealistic expectation that you are entitled to work only with compatible colleagues. However, the odds of your liking all co-workers are slim. After all, you don't get to pick these people. You must be able to coexist peacefully with whomever management decides to hire.

If Monica were interfering with your work, you could appropriately take that problem to management. But as it is, you must simply figure out how to tolerate an emotional hypochondriac. And if others find some of your traits irritating, they must learn to tolerate you as well.

Q: Three years ago, I asked the owner of our business why she allowed some employees to run errands on company time, take two-hour lunches and do almost nothing while the rest of us were covered up with work. Needless to say, she was not pleased. A few weeks later, my job title was changed and my salary was reduced.

In every performance review, the owner minimizes my contributions, even though I always work full days while her favorites continue to goof off. When I have tried to apologize for my previous complaints, she twists my words to make them sound negative. I think she would like me to quit, but I refuse to give her the satisfaction.

Despite the low pay and bad reviews, I have worked hard for this company for 14 years. Is there any way to improve the situation or should I just accept things the way they are?

A: You seem to be ignoring the obvious third choice. Instead of stubbornly staying put or vainly hoping for a turnaround, how about looking for a better place to work? Because the owner completely controls this business, nothing there is likely to change. And 14 years is a long time to feel mistreated and unappreciated.

To break the habit of resentfully ruminating about the past, try shifting your attention towards the future. Make a list of your skills, identify companies that might value them and begin exploring those possibilities. Although a job search may seem like a daunting prospect, remember that once you leave, your discouraging boss and her pet employees will no longer have any place in your world.

Nation

Some residents couldn't hear alarms in deadly Honolulu blaze

HONOLULU (AP)—As flames raged through a Honolulu high-rise building, killing three people and injuring a dozen others, some residents didn't even realize a blaze had broken out until they opened their doors or saw firefighters racing to battle the inferno.

Several Marco Polo high-rise residents told The Associated Press the sirens are located in the hallways and they had trouble hearing them when the blaze started. There were also no flashing alarm lights or public announcements about the deadly fire, they said.

Britt Reller was in the shower when the fire started and didn't realize the building was ablaze until smoke began billowing through his apartment, his brother said. He rushed out to try to save his 85-year-old mother, but he couldn't reach her and sought refuge from the smoke and flames under a bed.

His brother, a local pastor, was on the phone with Reller at the time. He never heard from him again, and police later told him that both Reller and his mother, Melba Jeannine Dilley, were among

those killed.

"He said the smoke was very, very thick, and I heard him calling for my mother and then the phone went dead," Reller said. "I drove about 12 miles from my office to his apartment and then I just had to watch from outside. I'm still in shock. It is just surreal."

Joanna Kuwata, 71, who was single and lived alone on the 26th floor of the building, was also killed in the fire, her sister told The Honolulu Star-Advertiser. Jayne Matsuyama said her sister's apartment was not damaged by fire, and she suspects she died of smoke inhalation.

Fire officials have not released any information about a possible cause for the blaze. A fire department spokesman did not immediately respond to a request for additional information on Sunday.

"It didn't sound quite like a normal traditional fire alarm," said Air Force cyber technician Cory La Roe, who didn't know the building had no sprinklers when he moved in in May.

LaRoe, who is from Florida but living in Hawaii while



AP
Law enforcement officers stand at the scene of a multi-alarm fire at the Marco Polo apartment complex in Honolulu, Friday, July 14, 2017.

in the building that he can remember. He didn't hear the alarms going off when the fire broke out, Kihune said.

He said he "only recognized the fact that there was something wrong when I saw the firetrucks pull up, and then I poked my head out, then I could hear the alarm."

Kihune said he has a "bit of a hearing problem" with high-pitched sounds. But because the alarm is in the hallway and not close to his apartment, he could not hear it, he said.

"For people that have that disability, it could be a reason for not hearing it," Kihune said.

Angela Kim, a 30th-floor resident, said she can only hear the sirens if her apartment door is open. She recalled an earlier fire alarm test that she missed entirely. "I slept through it, it's so soft," she said.

The fire broke out in a unit on the 26th floor, where all three of the dead were found, Fire Chief Manuel Neves said.

The building known as the Marco Polo residences is not required to have fire sprinklers, which would have confined the blaze to the unit where it started, Neves said. The 36-floor building near the tourist mecca of Waikiki was built in 1971, before sprinklers were mandatory in high-rises. It has over 500 units.

Trump lawyer says nothing illegal in son's Russia meeting

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Donald Trump's attorney insisted Sunday there was nothing illegal in the meeting Trump's eldest son had with a Russian lawyer during last year's presidential campaign.

Donald Trump Jr.'s willingness to meet with the lawyer in the expectation of receiving incriminating information about Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton has raised new questions about possible collusion between the Trump campaign and Russia. The information had been described as "part of Russia and its government's support for Mr. Trump."

The president's attorney, Jay Sekulow, defended Trump and his son in a series of appearances Sunday on five television networks.

"Nothing in that meeting that would have taken place, even if it was about the topic of an opposition research paper from a Russian lawyer, is illegal or a violation of the law," Sekulow said on "Fox News Sunday," a point he repeated several times. He said the president did not attend the meeting and was not aware of it.

The attorney's focus on the law appears aimed at moving beyond the shifting accounts

of the meeting given by Trump Jr. At first, the June 2016 meeting was said to be about a Russian adoption program. Then, it was to hear information about Clinton. Finally, Trump Jr. was compelled to release emails that revealed he had told an associate that he would "love" Russia's help in obtaining incriminating information about the Democratic nominee.

The number of people known to be at the meeting also changed over time. As recently as Friday, Rinat Akhmetshin, a Russian-American lobbyist and former Soviet military officer, confirmed his participation to The Associated Press.

Sen. Mark Warner, the top Democrat on the Senate Intelligence Committee, said Sunday that he wants everyone who attended the meeting to appear before his committee, one of several in Congress investigating Russia's interference in the 2016 election and potential coordination with the Trump campaign.

In addition to Trump Jr. others in the Trump Tower meeting included Trump's son-in-law, Jared Kushner, and Paul Manafort, both of whom played major roles in the campaign.

serving in the military, said there were no announcements or flashing lights when the fire broke out.

"I just heard a loud ringing, which is what caused

me to look outside. I actually thought it was something from the street that was making the noise. After I saw people running out and went out the hallway myself, that's

when I knew it was a fire alarm going off."

Gordon Kihune, who has lived in the building for about 12 years, said he hasn't seen any fire extinguishers or hoses

9 dead, boy missing in flash flood in Arizona swim hole

TONTON NATIONAL FOREST, Ariz. (AP)—Nine people died and a 13-year-old boy was missing Sunday after their group of family and friends was swept away while cooling off in a creek that suddenly turned treacherous when a rainstorm upstream unleashed floodwaters in Arizona's Tonto National Forest.

Gila County Sheriff's Detective David Hornung told The Associated Press that the group from the Phoenix and Flagstaff areas had met up for a daytrip along the popular Cold Springs swimming hole near Payson in central Arizona and were playing in the water Saturday afternoon when muddy flood waters came roaring down the canyon.

The group, ranging in age from 2 to 60, had set out chairs to lounge on a warm summer day when miles upstream an intense thunderstorm dumped heavy rainfall on the mountain.

Disa Alexander was hiking to the swimming area where Ellison Creek and East Verde River converge when the water suddenly surged. She was still about two miles away when she spotted a man holding a baby and clinging to a tree. His wife was nearby, also in a tree. Had they been swept downstream, they would have been sent over a 20-foot waterfall, Alexander said.

Alexander and others tried to reach them but couldn't. Rescuers arrived a short time later.

"We were kinda looking at the water; it was really brown," she said. "Literally 20 seconds later you just see like hundreds of gallons of water smacking down and debris and trees getting pulled in. It looked like a really big mudslide."

Video she posted to social media showed torrents of water surging through jagged canyons carved in Arizona's

signature red rock.

"I could have just died!" Alexander exclaimed on the video, which shows the people in the tree and then rescuers arriving on the scene. A boy Alexander described as the couple's son was on the rocks above the water.

Search and rescue crews, including 40 people on foot and others in a helicopter, recovered the bodies of five children and four adults, some as far as two miles down the river. Authorities did not identify them. Four others were rescued Saturday and taken to Banner hospital in nearby Payson for treatment of hypothermia.

Rescuers got to the four victims quickly after the crew heard their cries while they were nearby helping an injured hiker.

Daniel Bustamante, 16, sat on a bench with his friend Daniel Rodriguez outside the local mortuary in Payson

where victims were brought. He said he came from Phoenix after getting a Snapchat message from a friend.

The flash-flooding hit Saturday afternoon at Cold Springs canyon, about 100 miles northeast of Phoenix, a popular recreation area reached by relatively easy hiking paths. Some know it was as Ellison Creek or Water Wheel swimming holes.

Hornung said the treacherously swift waters gushed for about 10 minutes before receding in the narrow canyon. He estimated floodwaters reached six feet high and 40 feet wide.

The National Weather Service, which had issued a flash-flood warning, estimated up to 1.5 inches of rain fell over the area in an hour. The thunderstorm hit about 8 miles upstream along Ellison Creek, which quickly flooded the narrow canyon where the swimmers were.

Asia

S. Korea offers talks on tension, family reunions with North

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—South Korea offered Monday to talk with North Korea to ease animosities along their tense border and resume reunions of families separated by their war in the 1950s.

It's unclear if North Korea would agree to the proposed talks as it remains suspicious of the South Korean president's overtures, seeing the new leader's more liberal policy as still resorting to the United States to force North Korea to disarm.

Seoul's proposal for two sets of talks indicates President Moon Jae-in is pushing to improve ties with Pyongyang despite the North's first intercontinental ballistic missile this month.

Vice Defense Minister Suh Choo Suk said the South's defense officials are proposing talks at the border village of Panmunjom on Friday to discuss how to end hostile activities along the border. Seoul's acting Red Cross chief Kim Sun Hyang said it wants separate talks at the border village on Aug. 1 to discuss family reunions.



AP
In this Oct. 22, 2015, file photo, North Korean Son Kwon Geun, center, weeps with his South Korean relatives as he bids farewell after the Separated Family Reunion Meeting at Diamond Mountain resort in North Korea.

cooperate on the 2018 Winter Olympics to be held in Pyeongchang, South Korea.

Moon has said he would use both dialogues and pressures to resolve the standoff over North Korea's nuclear program. But his push has reported little progress with the North test-firing a series of newly developed missiles since Moon's May 10 inauguration.

The North's ICBM launch has stoked security worries as it showed the country could eventually perfect a reliable nuclear missile capable of reaching anywhere in the United States. Analysts say the ICBM that was tested could reach Alaska.

After the launch, Kim said he would never negotiate his weapons programs unless the United States abandons its hostile policy toward his country. Kim's statement suggested he will order more missile and nuclear tests until North Korea develops a functioning ICBM that can place the entire U.S. within its striking distance.

China's economic growth holds steady despite slowdown fears

BEIJING (AP)—China's economic growth held steady in the latest quarter, boosted by unexpectedly strong trade and consumer spending, despite fears tighter lending controls aimed at cooling a surge in debt are weighing on commercial activity.

Output rose 6.9 percent in the three months ending in June from a year ago, data showed Monday. That was in line with the previous quarter and better than many forecasts.

Communist leaders are eager to keep growth steady as they head into a ruling party congress at which President Xi Jinping is due to be reappointed as leader later this year. But the economy faces headwinds as Beijing clamps down on lending to rein in a surge in debt that has fueled fears it might harm the financial system or drag on growth.

Forecasters expect the economy to cool as those controls depress investment, the biggest component of growth in recent years.

"The economy appears to have ended Q2 on a strong note," said Julian Evans-Pritchard of Capital Economics in a report.

"This strength seems unlikely to last, however," he wrote. "The recent crackdown on fi-

nancial risks has driven a slowdown in credit growth, which will weigh on the economy during the second half of this year."

The International Monetary Fund has forecast China's full-year growth for 2017 to hold steady at last year's level of 6.7 percent. The IMF raised its outlook twice this year, citing strong government spending.

The government's growth target is 6.5 percent "or higher if possible."

Consumer spending and trade growth both accelerated during the second quarter, helping to offset softening investment in factories, real estate and other fixed assets.

Retail sales rose 10.4 percent in the first half of the year, up 0.1 percentage points from the first quarter's rate, according to the National Bureau of Statistics. Factory output rose 6.9 percent in the first half, up 0.1 percentage points from the first quarter rate and 0.9 percentage points better than the same time last year.

Trade data released earlier showed export growth accelerated in May and June, at least temporarily averting concern about possible politically dangerous job losses in trade-related industries that employ millions of people.

Investment rose by 8.6 per-

cent in the first half of the year, but that was down from 0.6 percent from the first quarter's expansion.

Private sector analysts cite surging debt as the biggest potential risk to China's long-term economic stability.

China has relied on infusions of credit to prop up economic growth since the 2008 crisis. Total nongovernment debt rose from the equivalent of 170 percent of annual economic output in 2007 to an estimated 260 percent last year, unusually high for a developing country.

The Moody's rating agency cut Beijing's credit rating May 25 and the IMF urged Beijing on June 14 to get debt under control.

Regulators have cited reducing risk in China's financial system as a priority this year. Banks have been told to look closely at borrowers, especially those trying to make acquisitions abroad, to ensure they can manage their debts.

The country's top economic official, Premier Li Keqiang, tried to quell fears with a speech last month at the World Economic Forum in the northeastern city of Dalian. Li said financial risks are "generally under control" and Beijing can achieve this year's development targets.

North Korea's state media hasn't immediately responded to South Korea's overtures.

Earlier this month, Moon reiterated he's willing to

meet North Korean leader Kim Jong Un if conditions are met. Moon also said the two Koreas must halt hostile activities along the border, restart family reunions and

ASIAN BRIEFS

16 Indian pilgrims killed as bus falls into gorge in Kashmir

SRINAGAR, India (AP)—A bus plunged into a 45-meter-deep (150-foot-deep) gorge in the Indian portion of Kashmir on Sunday, killing at least 16 Hindu pilgrims and injuring more than two dozen as they traveled to a cave shrine in the Himalayas, police said. Police officer S.P. Vaid said the bus swerved off a mountain road, but the cause of the accident was not immediately clear. A police statement said 27 injured, 19 in critical condition, were taken to hospitals in Banihal, a town 120 kilometers (75 miles) south of Srinagar, the main city in Indian-held Kashmir. Police said it had rained in the area, making the road slippery. Some landslides caused a heavy traffic jam on the main highway linking Srinagar with the rest of India. Police figures show India has the world's deadliest roads, with more than 110,000 people killed each year in crashes. Driver fatigue

and negligence, low-quality roads and poor vehicle maintenance are the usual causes of such accidents in India.

Pakistan launches military operation near Afghan border

ISLAMABAD (AP)—Pakistan says it has launched a new military operation near the Afghan border to combat militants. Maj. Gen. Asif Ghafoor, an army spokesman, says an infantry division backed by air force and artillery will clear the Rajgal Valley in the Khyber tribal region. He says Pakistan has informed Afghan authorities and urged them to take similar measures on their side of the border. Afghanistan and Pakistan have long accused each other of turning a blind eye to militants operating along their porous border. Pakistan's construction of a fence along part of the frontier has also caused tensions, as Afghanistan does not recognize the co-

lonial-era line as an international border.

2 killed, 9 hurt in cleaver attack at Chinese Walmart store

BEIJING (AP)—Authorities say two people have been hacked to death and another nine injured by a man wielding a meat cleaver inside a Walmart store in China's southern city of Shenzhen. Police in the city's Bao'an district said Monday in an online statement that a 30-year-old unemployed man was detained as a suspect. They say the motive for the attack was not immediately known. Firearms are largely unobtainable for ordinary Chinese, and such attacks are more often carried out with knives or homemade explosives. Sales of knives have faced stricter regulations following high-profile attacks, some of which have targeted schools. Perpetrators of most past attacks have been described as being mentally ill or bearing grudges against society.

World

Macron decries France's Nazi past during Netanyahu visit

PARIS (AP)—French President Emmanuel Macron denounced France's collaboration in the Holocaust, lashing out Sunday at those who negate or minimize the country's role in sending tens of thousands of Jews to their deaths.

After he and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu attended a Holocaust commemoration, Macron also appealed for renewed Israeli-Palestinian peace talks. Worried that Netanyahu is backing away from commitment to a two-state solution, Macron assailed Jewish settlement construction as a threat to international hopes for peace.

Commemorating 75 years since a mass roundup of Jews during the darkest chapter of modern French history, Macron insisted that "it was indeed France that organized this."

"Not a single German" was directly involved, he said, but French police collaborating with the Nazis.

Holocaust survivors recounted wrenching stories at the ceremony at the site of Vel d'Hiv stadium outside Paris, where police herded some 13,000 people on July 16-17,



AP
Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, left, looks to French President Emmanuel Macron as he places his hands on his shoulder after they made declarations at the Elysee Palace in Paris, France, Sunday, July 16, 2017.

1942 before they were deported to camps. More than 4,000 were children. Fewer than 100 survived.

They were among some 76,000 Jews deported from France to Nazi camps.

It was a half century later when then-President Jacques Chirac became the first French leader to acknowledge the state's role in the Holocaust's horrors.

Macron dismissed arguments by French far right leaders and others that the collaborationist Vichy regime didn't represent France.

"It is convenient to see the Vichy regime as born of nothingness, returned to nothingness. Yes, it's convenient, but

it is false. We cannot build pride upon a lie."

French Jewish leaders hailed Macron's speech Sunday—even as critics railed at him online, where renewed anti-Semitism has flourished. Macron pledged to fight such racism, and called for thorough investigation into the recent killing of a Parisian woman believed linked to anti-Jewish sentiment.

Netanyahu said that "recently we have witnessed a

rise of extremist forces that seek to destroy not only the Jews, but of course the Jewish state as well, but well beyond that. ... The zealots of militant Islam, who seek to destroy you, seek to destroy us as well. We must stand against them together."

Pro-Palestinian and other activists protested Netanyahu's appearance in Paris, criticizing Jewish settlement policy and the blockade of Gaza.

Macron condemned an

attack last week that killed two Israeli police officers at a Jerusalem shrine revered by Jews and Muslims, and said he is committed to Israel's security—but warned that continued Jewish settlement construction threatens peace efforts.

"I call for a resumption of negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians in the framework of the search for a solution of two states, Israel and Palestine, living in recognized, secure borders with Jerusalem as the capital," Macron told reporters.

At his side, Netanyahu said, "We share the same desire for a peaceful Middle East," but didn't elaborate on eventual peace talks.

While Macron has been flexing his diplomatic skills with outreach to President Donald Trump and others, he didn't indicate any eagerness for France to spearhead such negotiations, after a lackluster French Mideast diplomatic effort under his predecessor early this year.

Jordan court to rule Monday in killings of 3 US troops

AMMAN, Jordan (AP)—A military court is expected to rule Monday in the murder trial of a Jordanian soldier accused of killing three U.S. military trainers in a shooting spree at a Jordanian air base.

The high-profile case had caused some friction between allies Jordan and the United States. Jordan initially suggested the U.S. troops triggered the shooting by disobeying gate procedures, a claim that was disputed by the U.S. and later withdrawn.

The defendant, 1st Sgt. Marik al-Tuwayha, pleaded "not guilty." If convicted, he faces life in prison. In Jordan, that can mean a 20-year term, with good behavior.

Earlier this year, a Jordanian soldier convicted of killing seven Israeli schoolgirls in a 1997 shooting rampage was released after 20 years.

The U.S. soldiers were killed Nov. 4 when their convoy came under fire at the entrance of an air base in southern Jordan.

The victims were 27-year-old Staff Sgt. Matthew C. Lewellen of Kirksville, Missouri; 30-year-old Staff Sgt. Kevin J. McEnroe of Tucson, Arizona; and 27-year-old Staff Sgt. James F. Moriarty of Ker-

ville, Texas.

Relatives of the slain U.S. Army Green Berets attended parts of the month-long trial in Jordan's capital of Amman.

Some of the family members criticized the legal proceedings and potential punishment as inadequate.

"We've felt discouraged and disappointed with every way Jordan has handled this case since the moment the bullets were first fired," Moriarty's sister, 31-year-old Melissa, said in a statement sent to The Associated Press.

"What is on the table is a measly 20-year 'life' sentence, for taking three lives. It's all rather depressing and painfully disappointing," she said. "This isn't going to provide some kind of closure, as some may think."

Her father, Jim, and McEnroe's father, Brian, previously said they had more faith in Jordan's legal system after attending the trial but that questions remain.

Relatives of the soldiers asked why the judge decided not to show security camera footage of the shooting in court and chose not to put a surviving U.S. soldier on the stand, despite his willingness to testify.

Maduro foes: Over 7M vote in Venezuelan referendum

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)—Foes of President Nicolas Maduro said more than 7 million Venezuelans cast symbolic votes rejecting his plan to retool the constitution in a strong but not overwhelming showing that left the opposition facing tough choices two weeks before the socialist leader seeks to reshape the political system.

The vote was marred by violence when a 61-year-old woman was killed and four people wounded by gunfire after government supporters on motorcycles swarmed an opposition polling site in a church in western Caracas.

Analysts said the 7,186,170 ballots the opposition says were cast across Venezuela and around the world on Sunday was an impressive show of support. However, it fell short of the opposition's 7.7 million-vote showing in 2015 legislative elections and the 7.5 million votes that brought Maduro to power in 2013. Opposition leaders said that was because it was only able to set

up 2,000 polling places in a symbolic exercise the government labeled as illegitimate.

Still, some supporters said they were disappointed.

"I thought it was going to be more," said Mariela Arana, a 56-year-old school counselor. "But these seven million people spoke and it was plenty."

David Smilde, a Tulane University expert on Venezuela, said the result would likely rally the international community even more strongly against the July 30 vote Maduro has called to elect members of the assembly that will rewrite Venezuela's 1999 constitution. The opposition says that vote has been structured to pack the constitutional assembly with government supporters and allow Maduro to eliminate the few remaining checks on his power, creating a Cuba-style system dominated by his socialist party.

Inside Venezuela, Smilde said leaders of the 20-odd groups in the Democratic Unity opposition coalition were now faced with choos-

ing between tactics ranging from calling a general strike to forming a parallel government to simply working to rally international condemnation of Maduro's plans.

"Overall, this vote, I think, makes it difficult for the government to just proceed as planned," Smilde said. "I think it's going to embolden the international community to reject it."

Canada and Mexico were among the countries that issued statements Sunday evening lauding the opposition exercise.

Late Sunday, Foreign Minister Samuel Moncada said on Twitter that he was declaring former Mexican President Vicente Fox persona non grata and banning him from the country for conspiring to promote violence and foreign intervention. Fox traveled to Venezuela Saturday with a group of Latin American former presidents to show support for the referendum. Moncada offered no evidence to support his accusations.

The opposition released only turnout numbers Sunday

night, not tallies of responses to those questions, although virtually all who voted were believed to have answered "yes" to the central rejection of the constitutional rewrite.

Pro-government paramilitary groups attacked voters outside the Our Lady of Carmen Church around 3 p.m., according to the opposition mayor of the Caracas borough of Sucre, Carlos Ocariz. The chief prosecutor's office said Xiomara Soledad Scott, a nurse, had been killed and four others wounded in the incident.

Video posted to social media showed massive crowds outside the church, then hundreds of people running in panic outside the church as motorcycle-riding men zoomed past and shots rang out.

Maduro called for an end to violence that he blamed on the opposition.

"I'm calling on the opposition to return to peace, to respect for the constitution, to sit and talk," Maduro said. "Let's start a new round of talks, of dialogue for peace."

Focus

Puerto Rico
economic crisis
hits island's
only zoo

AP
In this July 7, 2017 photo, a monkey stares out from its enclosure at the Dr. Juan A. Rivero Zoo in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico.

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MAYAGUEZ, Puerto Rico (AP)—The economic crisis afflicting Puerto Rico for the last decade has also taken a toll on the island's only zoo, with critics saying it is sorely understaffed and struggling to care for its animals on a limited budget.

Conditions at Dr. Juan A. Rivero, a 45-acre zoo featuring over 300 species in the western coastal town of Mayaguez, have deteriorated so far as to catch the attention of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which cited dozens of violations at the park in its most recent report from this spring.

They included a distressed cougar housed in a tiny enclosure; a lack of working fans for camels and deer exposed to tropical heat; expired food and medicines; and a tiger that inspectors said was underweight and had not had any medical exams or lab tests for two years.

"It makes you want to cry," said Susan Soltero, an animal activist appointed to a newly formed government committee charged with investigating conditions at the zoo. "This is unacceptable to me as a human being."

The tiger mentioned in the USDA report suffered from kidney failure and other health problems and was euthanized

last month, around the time that five lion cubs also died. Four were crushed by their mother after a worker did not properly separate her from the cubs, according to Marilyn Arce, the zoo's part-time veterinarian, and the fifth was asphyxiated while being fed.

Officials at the zoo referred questions to Puerto Rico's Department of Sports and Recreation, which oversees the facility. The department's secretary, Andres Waldemar, and the zoo's former veterinarian both declined to comment. And the USDA did not respond to a request for previous inspection reports.

But Arce, who was hired in February, disputed the federal inspectors' findings and said the zoo's animals are now at a healthy weight and in good condition. She acknowledged that the 13 current caretakers need training to avoid a repeat of the lion deaths and said the zoo should hire at least four more.

"The workers did not have sufficient training to handle this type of cubs," Arce said.

The deaths and run-down conditions have prompted more than 21,000 people from Puerto Rico and elsewhere to sign a petition calling for the zoo's closure. Zoo officials have put up signs in front of certain enclosures thanking visitors for their concern and assuring them that those animals are under veterinary care.

On a recent day Cynthia

Gonzalez, 35, watched as a rhinoceros knocked its horn repeatedly against a metal railing. Gonzalez said she came frequently when she was in high school but today it's noticeably worn.

"It has become a bit more deteriorated," she said. "We used to see more animals, and it needs a bit more maintenance."

Angel Luis Rodriguez, who was visiting with family, agreed: "The animals used to look stronger before. They were plumper."

At recent public hearings held by concerned lawmakers, Jose Arce, a veterinarian

who is on a committee charged with investigating the zoo's conditions and is not related to Marilyn Arce, testified that the park needs more employees and new cages, among other things.

But that's a tall order amid the prolonged economic recession that has also forced the government to declare a state of emergency at certain agencies and seek a bankruptcy-like process for a portion of its \$73 billion public debt.

Gerardo Hernandez, auxiliary secretary of the island's National Parks Program, said the government has ordered a study of how much money is

needed to improve zoo conditions. He said the animals are in good condition and well fed, but bringing in new employees is unlikely for now.

"No government agency is hiring people. We are working with what we have," he said. "If we had more revenue, there would be more improvements."

The zoo operates on \$1.2 million in funds it receives yearly from Puerto Rico's government. Victor Oppenheimer, former president of Puerto Rico's Veterinary Medical Association, estimated it needs \$8 million to \$10 million to run properly.

"A lot of times," he said, "they make decisions based on money and not necessarily on what's best for the animal."

Oppenheimer said the zoo needs not only more caretakers but also a full-time curator as well as a full-time and several part-time veterinarians. He praised Marilyn Arce's work but said that as a lone part-timer, "she cannot keep up."

Jose Arce said the lack of an adequate hospital forces vets to perform surgeries in the animal enclosures, raising concerns about safety and contamination. Meanwhile the shabby exhibits turn away visitors and the revenue they bring.

Marilyn Arce said she plans to start an animal welfare program in August with volunteer help. She also would like Rivero to join the Maryland-based Association of Zoos & Aquariums, which imposes regulations and carries out inspections. Membership would provide opportunities to access more funds, she said.

She noted that much of the zoo's population was donated or seized from drug traffickers, such as bears and zebras, and said it's important for people to know the zoo is not actively buying animals.

"It's a lack of fixing things in a timely manner and giving it maintenance," Arce said of the zoo's struggles. "You see that problem across all of Puerto Rico."



AP
In this July 7, 2017 photo, "Mundi," the only elephant at the Dr. Juan A. Rivero Zoo, reaches out to eat shrubs in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico.

Overdrive

AUTO REVIEW:**2017 VW Golf SportWagen**
an antidote to automotive anonymity

AP
A small, but growing, segment of buyers are looking for something different. Enter the 2017 Golf SportWagen, a contrarian antidote to the crush of crossover utility vehicles.

By **LARRY PRINTZ**
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

We live in an age of self service.

Store clerks no longer provide much in the way of assistance. Increasingly, they don't even ring up our orders; we do. We also tackle projects around the house once reserved for skilled tradesmen, even if we don't do them all that well. And, as we have become like those who once served us, our clothing has changed too. Fine wool trousers and sophisticated dresses have given way to denim and T-shirts.

Similarly, vehicles once mostly used for hauling lumber have crept upmarket and now serve the office dwellers of the self-serving middle class. After decades of acceptance, sedans and coupes are succumbing to utility vehicles, which have become prepon-

derant in our driveways, parking lots and hearts.

And that's why a small-but-growing segment of buyers are looking for something different.

Enter the 2017 Golf SportWagen, an antidote to the crush of crossover utility vehicles. At 179.5 inches long, its compact dimensions aren't much different from those of many diminutive utility vehicles. And like them, it offers 30.4 cubic feet of cargo; 66.5 cubic feet with the rear seats folded. And similarly, it's powered by a fuel-efficient-but-peppy 1.8-liter turbocharged four-cylinder engine that produces 170 horsepower and 199 pound-feet of torque at 1,600 rpm.

But there's one significant difference: The SportWagen can be fitted with a manual transmission. So if you want to shift, you have to serve yourself. In this regard, it's in

tune with modern America.

Interested? Here's the low-down.

The SportWagen is offered with front-wheel drive and a five-speed manual or six-speed automatic transmission. If you get it in the 4Motion all-wheel-drive trim, you can choose between a six-speed manual and dual-clutch automatic.

Like other Golfs, the SportWagen employs Volkswagen's impressive MQB modular construction platform and

sports a fully independent suspension, something VW previously avoided on U.S. versions of the Passat and Jetta to save money. As you'd expect, its handling is an impressive blend of ride compliance and agile handling, with quick steering, a responsive gearbox and enough power to keep a smile on your face. It's fun to drive — something you can't say about many, if any, utility vehicles.

And after testing a SportWagen 4Motion, it's obvious

that what one might think is this model's *raison d'être*, tackling icy interstates, is just part of its prowess.

As with many all-wheel-drive setups, that of the SportWagen operates in front-wheel drive under most conditions. The rear wheels are decoupled to conserve fuel. But when needed, the rear wheels engage, using up to 50 percent of the car's power to maintain footing. Once winter retreats, you'll find this sweetheart precisely and confidently remarkable with a firm-but-not-jarring ride.

The interior is well-assembled, with supportive front bucket seats and generous leg room. But the throttle is placed too far to the right, forcing longer-legged drivers to press their leg uncomfortably against the center console. The rear seats are firm and comfortably high, but legroom

isn't as generous. Regardless, the cabin is hushed at highway speeds and its expansive glass ensures a good view out.

Most models come with an easy-to-use 6.5-inch infotainment screen with all sorts of smartphone connectivity, including the ability to read out your text messages and play music from its USB port, SiriusXM Satellite Radio, or HD Radio. But it also assists you in staying in your lane on the interstate, applies the brakes if it thinks you're going to crash, warns you of vehicles in your blind spot, and helps you park, along with a million other things. In this regard, it's serving itself, just like you do.

Even better, it performs as well as any trucklet, but does so without blending into a sea of sameness. And that makes the SportWagen a true Volkswagen, in the tradition of the Beetle.

NUTS & BOLTS

- Base prices: \$21,580-\$29,970
- Engines: 1.8-liter turbocharged four-cylinder
- Horsepower: 170
- Torque: 199 pound-feet
- Fuel type: Regular
- EPA fuel economy (city/highway): 25/35 (man-

- ual); 25/34 (dual-clutch automatic)
- Wheelbase: 103.5 inches
- Length: 179.5 inches
- Cargo capacity: 30.4-66.5 cubic feet
- Curb weight: 3,063-3,422 pounds
- NHTSA rating: 5 stars

Under the Hood: Leaking sunroof just the start of Acadia's problems

By **BRAD BERGHOLDT**
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Q: Brad, each corner of my 2008 Acadia's sunroof has a very small drain hole. When these get clogged, water leaks into the interior of the vehicle. One time, water filled up the battery compartment, located under the floorboard on the passenger side, and shorted out the battery. I haven't seen any recalls on this but I am afraid to leave the vehicle outside in the rain. Any suggestions?

— Tom

A: Yikes! This vehicle,

along with its Enclave and Outlook siblings, is known to have quite a bit of trouble with water intrusion and subsequent electrical problems.

Most sunroofs have four drain holes, one at each corner of the sunroof pan, which is designed to catch water that gets past the sunroof-roof seal. Normally, you can clear a plugged sunroof drain by gently probing it with a length of thick weed whacker string and a gentle shot of compressed air. (This is best done from the exit point, if it's accessible.) But your Acadia has many additional issues.

Shortly after your Acadia was built, GM issued a campaign (less than a recall, more than a technical service bulletin) regarding water leak problems. Apparently, many Acadias were equipped with drain tubes that were too short and could come loose from the pan connection. GM advised installing tube extensions, a three-hour job. It suspended the campaign in 2009.

You should be able to ask your dealer if the procedure was ever done on your vehicle. If not, the necessary parts should still be available.

But there's more.

GM later released additional service bulletins touching on other issues — too many to list and explain here. You should check these out.

To get those drains fixed, I recommend you access and then modify the front sunroof drain tube exit grommets by cutting out the deliberately restrictive crosshatch. What they were thinking when they installed these parts I'll never know. They clog in a heartbeat with dirt and debris.

There are several YouTube videos showing how you can access the exit grommets by removing the A-pillar trim and

defroster grilles. These videos don't mention trimming out the grommet crosshatch, but the need to do that will be obvious once you get a look.

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After answering a recent reader question about choosing the right octane fuel for your vehicle, I was called on the carpet by a few folks for not mentioning gasoline qualities.

Here's more: Most gasoline starts out the same. But as fuel is added to transport trucks for delivery, brand-specific additives are injected.

While government stan-

dards call for fuels to have a certain level of cleaning quality and deposit control, fuels identified as "top tier" do it best. For a listing of certified brands and good info on deposit control, check: www.toptiergas.com.

My lube and fuels guru, Ed, says drivers who don't use a top tier fuel ought to add a bottle of Techron Complete Fuel System Cleaner on a semi-annual basis to ensure cleanliness of the fuel injector, combustion chamber and valves. Clean parts increase performance, reduce emissions and mitigate problems with potentially damaging spark knock (detonation).

Life & Style

'War for the Planet of the Apes' roars past 'Spider-Man'

This image released by Twentieth Century Fox shows Karin Konoval, left, and Amiah Miller in "War for the Planet of the Apes." AP

NEW YORK (AP)—Monkey business still pays. "War for the Planet of the Apes" took down "Spider-Man: Homecoming" at the North American box office, opening with an estimated \$56.5 million in ticket sales.

Though some initially expected a closer race, "Spider-Man" dropped to second with \$45.2 million after its \$117 million debut last weekend. But director Matt Reeves' "War for the Planet of the Apes" pulled away thanks to strong reviews for the third installment of the rebooted "Apes" franchise. Led by Andy Serkis' celebrated motion-capture performance as the ape leader Caesar, "War for the Planet of the Apes" won a 94 percent fresh rating on Rotten Tomatoes.

Fox's "Apes" led something of a summer anomaly: There is an unusual confluence of acclaimed films in release. Five of the top six at the

box office ("Apes," "Homecoming," "Baby Driver," "The Big Sick" and "Wonder Woman") boast Rotten Tomatoes rankings of 92 or better, and the sixth ("Despicable Me 3") was largely received as a solid enough family release.

Summer, rarely a critics' paradise, is suddenly flush with good movies.

"What I think sets the 'Planet of the Apes,' these three films, apart from other franchise films, is that it's not gratuitous sequel-itis," said Chris Aronson, Fox's distribution chief. "This is storytelling, and it's episodic storytelling. It's not 'Well, let's put the band back together.'"

But there were also hints of franchise fatigue for the "Planet of the Apes" series. Reeves' latest edition came in closer to 2012's "Rise of the Planet of the Planet of the Apes," and well below the \$72.6 million debut of

1. **"War for the Planet of the Apes,"** \$56.5 million (\$46 million international).
2. **"Spider-Man: Homecoming,"** \$45.2 million (\$72.3 million international).
3. **"Despicable Me 3,"** \$18.9 million (\$71 million international).
4. **"Baby Driver,"** \$8.8 million (\$6.2 million international).
5. **"The Big Sick,"** \$7.6 million.
6. **"Wonder Woman,"** \$6.9 million (\$3.3 million international).
7. **"Wish Upon,"** \$5.6 million.
8. **"Cars 3,"** \$3.2 million (\$20.1 million international).
9. **"Transformers: The Last Knight,"** \$2.8 million (\$6.7 million international).
10. **"The House,"** \$1.8 million.

2014's "Dawn of the Planet of the Apes." The film, which cost about \$150 million to produce, added \$46 million from overseas. ("Spider-Man: Homecoming" was still king

overseas, where it added \$72.3 million to bring its global haul to nearly \$500 million.)

Aronson believes the good word-of-mouth will carry "War for the Planet of the Apes." "At the end of the day, we're going to have a terrific multiple and it will be a lot closer to 'Dawn' than it will be 'Rise,'" he said.

Universal's family sequel "Despicable Me 3" pulled in \$18.9 million in its third week, bringing its cumulative total to \$188 million domestically. Sony's Edgar Wright action comedy "Baby Driver" followed behind with \$8.8 million; its three week gross is \$73.2 million.

The weekend's other most notable new entrant was Kumail Nanjiani's acclaimed romantic comedy "The Big Sick," which expanded to about 2,600 theaters after three weeks of

limited release. The Lionsgate-Amazon Studios film, produced by Judd Apatow, made \$7.6 million—a rare success for a comedy in a summer full of disappointment.

The horror film "Wish Upon," from Broad Green Pictures, was the weekend's only other new release. It opened with \$5.5 million and a dismal C CinemaScore from audiences.

Next weekend may well continue the streak of well-reviewed summer releases. Christopher Nolan's World War II thriller "Dunkirk" lands in theaters following rapturous early reactions.

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to comScore. Where available, the latest international numbers also are included. Final domestic figures will be released Monday.

Disney Parks name Star Wars lands Galaxy's Edge

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP)—Disney Parks isn't letting Han Solo or Luke Skywalker save the day at their new Star Wars-themed lands.

"When you step in to the world, you're the hero," Chris Beatty, Disney Imagineer and executive director of the new expansions said.

Beatty was just one of many Disney representatives who spoke Saturday on the new Star Wars-themed lands at the Disney fan expo D23 in Anaheim, California.

Bob Chapek, Walt Disney Parks and Resorts Chairman, led a joyous panel where he unveiled many new projects for both domestic and international parks. New "Ratatouille," "Guardians of the Galaxy" and "Tron" attractions are headed to Walt Dis-

ney World in Orlando, Florida.

Discussion of the Star Wars land came early in Chapek's presentation, pleasing an eager audience. A video detailed a model on display at the expo's "A Galaxy of Stories." Then, Chapek revealed the name for the expansions.

Star Wars: Galaxy's Edge will first open at Disneyland, followed shortly by a second, identical location at Hollywood Studios at Walt Disney World. Chapek said both are expected to open in 2019.

He introduced the lead designer of the project, Scott Trowbridge, who said Galaxy's Edge focuses on two major rides allowing guests to lead their own adventures. The first is a battle between the Resistance and the First Order. The second allows rid-

ers to take control of the Millennium Falcon.

Trowbridge echoed Beatty's sentiment that Galaxy's Edge is all about the guest experience. Beatty said developers quickly ruled out focusing on any specific film or character arc in the franchise.

Instead, they're building a brand new, unnamed planet.

The new planet is set on the outer rim of the galaxy, hence the name Galaxy's Edge. Beatty said they created a place where both beloved characters from the franchise could mix with new, unknown members of the galaxy. He called it "a smuggler's planet," something quintessential "Star Wars."

"It's kind of forgotten about. People in the know like Han and Chewie, they knew of this place," he said, referencing



Members of the media get their first look at a 50-foot, detailed model of "Star Wars" land during a media preview for Disney's D23 Expo in Anaheim, Calif., on Thursday, July 13, 2017. AP

beloved franchise characters Han Solo and Chewbacca.

Beatty didn't rule out the possibility of Galaxy's Edge appearing in an upcoming "Star Wars" film, though he didn't reveal any current plans. Lucasfilm's developers and writers worked closely with Disney's Imagineers on

the expansion.

During his presentation, Chapek also announced many characters from the films will be featured in Galaxy's Edge, including BB-8, Chewbacca and Kylo Ren. But it was the droid Rex that received the biggest applause from the audience. Rex may serve as a DJ

at a cantina in Galaxy's Edge, Chapek said.

The chairman also announced a Star Wars-themed luxury resort at Walt Disney World, which he says is "100% immersive." Chapek did not announce an opening date or if construction is ongoing.

The Star Wars-themed lands were first announced at the 2015 expo. During the 2015 expo, Disney announced the themed lands among a slew of "Star Wars" park expansions, including the interactive Star Wars Launch Bay and a seasonal event, Season of the Force. They also updated the Star Tours ride, Disney's first Star Wars-themed ride installed in 1987.

At 14 acres, Galaxy's Edge is Disney Park's largest single-themed land expansion.

"It's got to be big. Go big or go home with 'Star Wars,'" Beatty said.

Singer Aaron Carter, girlfriend arrested in Georgia

CORNELIA, Ga. (AP)—Authorities say singer Aaron Carter and his girlfriend have been arrested on DUI and drug charges in Georgia.

Habersham County Sheriff's Office spokesman Capt. Floyd Canup says the 29-year-old Carter and Madison Parker were arrested Saturday. Carter

was released on bail Sunday.

Canup says Parker is eligible for bail but has not been released and still remains in jail for "unknown reasons."

Carter is accused of drunken driving and posses-

sion of less than 1 ounce of marijuana and paraphernalia. Parker was arrested for obstruction, possession of less than 1 ounce of pot and paraphernalia.

Carter's vehicle was

stopped on a highway in Cornelia, which is about 80 miles (130 kilometers) northeast of Atlanta.

Carter was scheduled to perform in Kansas City, Missouri, on Saturday night. A tweet

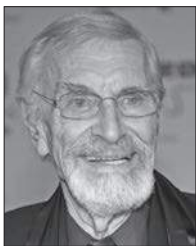
from his account hours before the show said he wouldn't make it because of "transportation issues."

Carter is the younger brother of Nick Carter of Backstreet Boys.

Oscar-winning actor Martin Landau dies at 89

LOS ANGELES

(AP)—Martin Landau, the chameleon-like actor who gained fame as the crafty master of disguise in the 1960s TV show "Mission: Impossible," then



Landau

capped a long and versatile career with an Oscar for his poignant portrayal of aging horror movie star Bela Lugosi in 1994's "Ed Wood," has died. He was 89.

Landau died Saturday of unexpected complications during a short stay at UCLA Medical Center, his publicist Dick Guttman said.

"Mission: Impossible," which also starred Landau's wife, Barbara Bain, became an immediate hit upon its debut in 1966. It remained on the air until 1973, but Landau and Bain left at the end of the show's third season amid a financial dispute with the producers. They starred in the British-made sci-fi series "Space: 1999" from 1975 to 1977.

Landau might have been a superstar but for a role he didn't play—the pointy-eared starship Enterprise science officer, Mr. Spock. "Star Trek" creator Gene Roddenberry had offered him the half-Vulcan, half-human who attempts to rid his life of all emotion. Landau turned it down.

"A character without emotions would have driven me

crazy; I would have had to be lobotomized," he explained in 2001. Instead, he chose "Mission: Impossible," and Leonard Nimoy went on to everlasting fame as Spock.

Ironically, Nimoy replaced Landau on "Mission: Impossible."

After a brief but impressive Broadway career, Landau had made an auspicious film debut in the late 1950s, playing a soldier in "Pork Chop Hill" and a villain in the Alfred Hitchcock classic "North By Northwest."

He enjoyed far less success after "Mission: Impossible," however, finding he had been typecast as Rollin Hand, the top-secret mission team's disguise wizard. His film career languished for more than a decade, reaching its nadir with his appearance in the 1981 TV movie "The Harlem Globetrotters on Gilligan's Island."

He began to find redemption with a sympathetic role in "Tucker: The Man and his Dream," the 1988 Francis Ford Coppola film that garnered Landau his first Oscar nomination.

He was nominated again the next year for his turn as the adulterous husband in Woody Allen's "Crimes and Misdemeanors."

Who's next: Jodie Whittaker 1st female star of 'Doctor Who'

LONDON (AP)—British actress Jodie Whittaker was announced Sunday as the next star of the long-running science fiction series "Doctor Who"—the first woman to take a role that has been played by a dozen men over six decades.

Whittaker, best known for playing the mother of a murdered boy in detective drama "Broadchurch," will replace Scottish actor Peter Capaldi at the end of the year, the BBC said.

Whittaker is the 13th official incarnation of the Doctor, a galaxy-hopping Time Lord from the planet Gallifrey who travels in the Tardis, a time machine shaped like an old-fashioned British police telephone booth.

In a testament to the place "Doctor Who" holds in Britain's cultural life, the revelation was made on live television after the Wimbledon men's tennis final. A film clip showed a mysterious hooded figure—revealed to be Whittaker—walking through the woods.



AP
In this file photo dated Monday, Jan. 27, 2014, British actress Jodie Whittaker, who starred in TV series Broadchurch, arrives for South Bank Sky Arts Awards 2014, held at the Dorchester hotel in central London.

"Doctor Who" ran from 1963 to 1989, and was revived to acclaim in 2005. Its longevity is partly due to its flexible premise. The central character, known only as the Doctor, can travel across space and time and can regenerate into new bodies—allowing for endless recasting of the role.

Speculation had been mounting that a woman would

get the role, generating excitement from some fans and opposition from others who feel that the character has been established as male.

Whittaker, 35, has worked extensively in British television and film. On the big screen, she played Anne Hathaway's best friend in romantic drama "One Day" and battled aliens in "Attack

the Block."

She said that becoming the first female Doctor "feels completely overwhelming, as a feminist, as a woman, as an actor, as a human."

"I want to tell the fans not to be scared by my gender," she said. "Because this is a really exciting time, and 'Doctor Who' represents everything that's exciting about change."

Massachusetts museum to sell 2 Norman Rockwell works

PITTSFIELD, Mass. (AP)—A Massachusetts museum plans to sell two works by Norman Rockwell as part of an effort to refocus its mission and solidify its future.

The Rockwell pieces are among 40 works the Berk-

shire Museum in Pittsfield plans to auction within the next six months. The auction will include Rockwell's "Shuffleton's Barbershop" and "Shaftsbury Blacksmith Shop" as well as Impressionist, modern and contemporary pieces.

Executive Director Van Shields tells The Berkshire Eagle (<http://bit.ly/2tnYJFJ>) the move is part of a \$60 million "re-invention plan," which includes the creation of a \$40 million endowment and an extensive renovation.

Shields says the museum, founded in 1903, will place a heightened emphasis on science and history and lend contemporary relevance to its historical artifacts.

The art was considered "not essential to the museum's refreshed mission."

Newlywed's world caves in when the truth comes out

DEAR ABBY: I dated the perfect man for two years. When he asked me to marry him, I had to say yes. He was kind, gentle, attentive, easygoing, full of dreams, great sense of humor, an excellent provider and sexually the best.

Three months after our perfect wedding, it all began to unravel. I learned he is bipolar with manic episodes. He has been married three times before me and always lost interest in sex. He says he may be attracted to men, then tells me he's not sure. He also isn't as good handling his financial affairs as he led me to believe.

I'm 58, and he's 59. How could I not have had a clue about any of this? I sold my house to move into the parsonage with him. After repeatedly being lied to, misinformed or left out of the loop all together, I am now couch-surfing, mainly at my ex-husband's house.

I feel tired and broken—no income, no home, no respect and no hope of him getting it together. I would appreciate any advice or counsel. All I have figured out is to start over and remain single as he is my third husband.

THIRD TIME AROUND

DEAR T.T.A.: You will feel less tired and broken after you have consulted a lawyer about helping you get out of this fraudulent marriage. And while you're at it, you and

your lawyer should bring this to the attention of the church council or whoever holds the lease on that parsonage. I am sure they will be very interested in what you have to say about the leader of their flock.

DEAR ABBY: When I started dating my husband, "Ralph," 22 years ago, I made it very clear that I would NEVER move to his hometown, which is six hours away. Even though it may seem selfish, my wish was to be near my family. Our relationship progressed anyway. We've been married for 15 years, live in my hometown, and have three little boys.

Ralph is 42, homesick and wants us to move back home now to be around his parents because he's lived around my parents for 15 years. I told him my intentions were made crystal clear before we got married and I wasn't moving. His response was, "So you were worth moving for, but I'm not?"

There are other reasons for my not wanting to move there, but the bottom line is that I wish he had been true to himself before deciding to marry me. I think it's a bit late to be playing this game. I'd like your thoughts, and please give it to me straight.

STAYING PUT

DEAR STAYING: OK, here they are. I think your husband has a valid point. Marriage is supposed to be about

DEAR ABBY

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compromise, and for the last 15 years he has lived in your community.

I wish you had shared what your other reasons for being against moving are, because they might have influenced my opinion. But from where I sit, I think you owe it to Ralph to give it a try. Perhaps you and your family could rent out the home you're living in and rent a place in his hometown for a year. That way, if you can't adjust, you would be able to move back near your own family, which appears to be your first priority.

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Federer gets record-breaking Wimbledon title

LONDON (AP)—After Roger Federer closed out a Wimbledon final that was more of a coronation than a contest with an ace, he sat in his changeover chair and wiped away tears.

That is when it hit him: His wait for record-breaking No. 8 was over. Until then, Federer wasn't focused on the notion of winning the grass-court tournament more often than any other man in the history of an event first held in 1877. All he'd been concerned with, consumed with, was being healthy enough to compete at a high level and, he hoped, to win a title, regardless of what the total count would be.

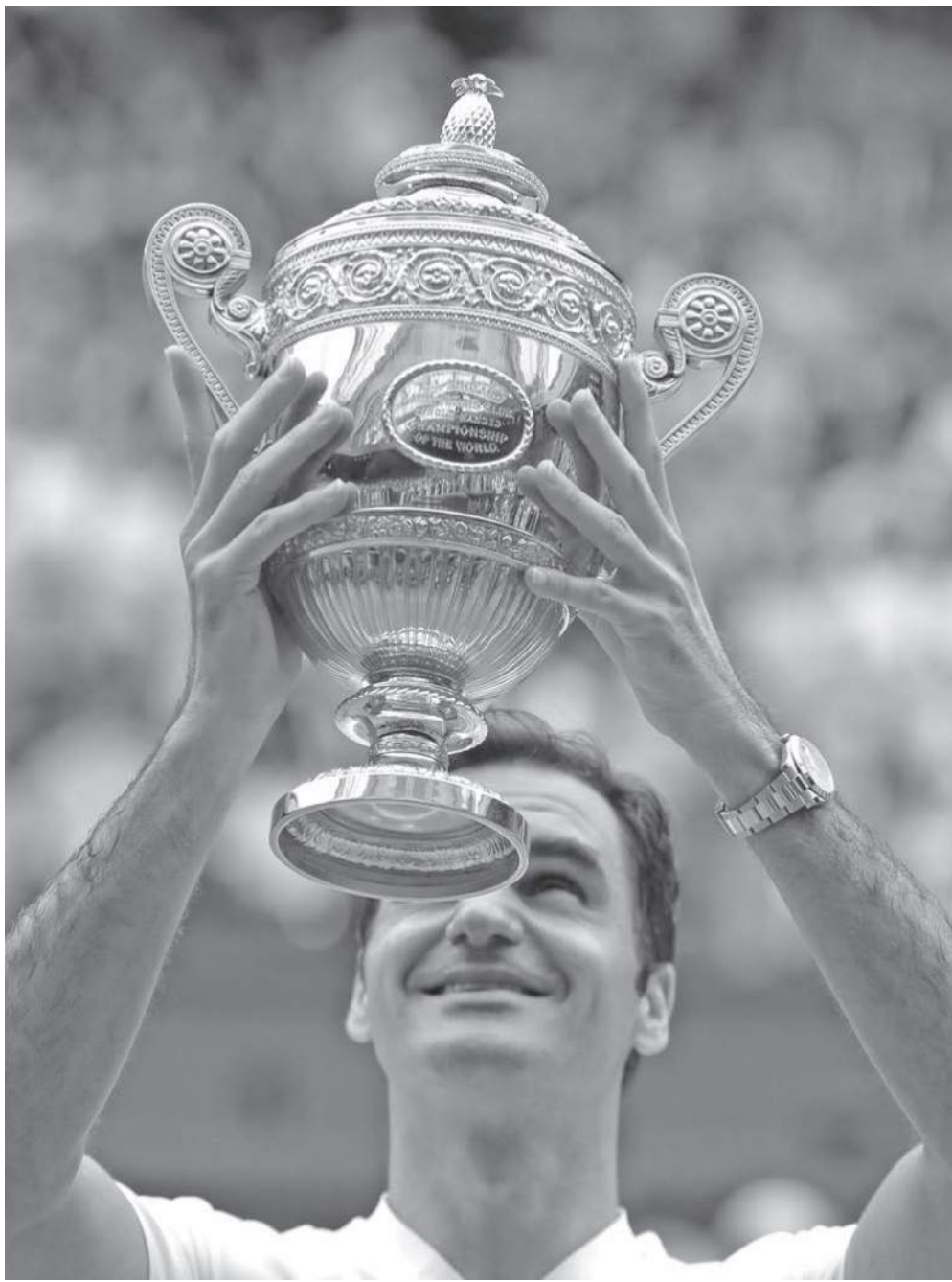
Capping a marvelous fortnight in which he never dropped a set, Federer won his eighth Wimbledon trophy and 19th Grand Slam championship overall by overwhelming Marin Cilic 6-3, 6-1, 6-4 in merely 1 hour, 41 minutes Sunday.

"Wimbledon was always my favorite tournament. Will always be my favorite tournament. My heroes walked the grounds here and walked the courts here. Because of them, I think I became a better player, too," said Federer, who will turn 36 next month and is the oldest male champion at the All England Club in the Open era, which began in 1968.

"To mark history here at Wimbledon really means a lot to me just because of all of that, really," he said. "It's that simple."

His first major title came at Wimbledon in 2003, and was followed by others in 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007. He won again in 2009 and 2012. But then he lost finals in 2014 and 2015 to Novak Djokovic.

He couldn't be sure another final, let alone title, was possible a year ago, when he lost in the semifinals, then took the



rest of 2016 off to let his surgically repaired left knee heal.

"It's been a long road," he said.

Sunday's outcome was only in doubt for about 20 minutes, the amount of time it took Federer to grab his first lead.

Cilic said afterward he developed a painful blister on his left foot during his semifinal Friday, and that affected his ability to move properly

or summon the intimidating serves that carried him to his lone Grand Slam title at the 2014 U.S. Open, where he surprisingly beat Federer in the semifinals.

This one was all Federer, who had been tied at seven championships with Pete Sampras and William Renshaw in what's still officially called Gentlemen's Singles. Sampras won all but one of

his in the 1990s; Renshaw won each of his in the 1880s, when the previous year's winner advanced automatically to the final.

With clouds overhead and a bit of chill in the air Sunday, Federer's early play was symptomatic of jitters. For everything he's accomplished, for all of the bright lights and big settings to which he's become accustomed, the guy many

Switzerland's Roger Federer holds the trophy after beating Croatia's Marin Cilic in the Men's Singles final match on day thirteen at the Wimbledon Tennis Championships in London Sunday, July 16, 2017.

have labeled the "GOAT"—Greatest of All Time—admits to feeling heavy legs and jumbled thoughts to this day.

It was Federer, not Cilic, who double-faulted in his first two service games. And it was Federer, not Cilic, who faced the initial break point, in the fourth game. But Cilic netted a return, beginning a run of 17 points in a row won by Federer on his serve. He would never be confronted with another break point.

"I gave it my best," Cilic said. "That's all I could do."

In the next game, Federer broke to lead 3-2. He broke again to take that set when Cilic double-faulted, walked to the changeover and slammed his racket. Cilic sat and covered his head with a white towel.

With Federer up 3-0 in the second set, Cilic cried while he was visited by a doctor and trainer. He said that was not so much a result of his foot's pain as the idea that he could not play well enough to present a challenge.

"Very tough emotionally," said Cilic, whose foot was re-taped by a trainer after the second set. "I knew that I cannot give my best on the court."

It might not have mattered. Federer was, as he'd been all tournament, flawless, the first man in 41 years to win Wimbledon without ceding a set. Against Cilic, he had 23 winners, only

eight unforced errors.

This caps a remarkable reboot for Federer, who departed Wimbledon a year ago with a lot of doubts: His body was letting him down for the first time in his career. He skipped the Rio Olympics, the U.S. Open and everything else in an attempt to try to get healthy.

It worked. And how.

Feeling refreshed and fully fit, Federer returned to the tour in January and was suddenly playing like the guy of old, rather than like an old guy.

In a turn-back-the-clock moment, he faced rival Rafael Nadal in the Australian Open final and, with a fifth-set comeback, won. It was Federer's 18th Grand Slam title, adding to his own record, and first in 4½ years. Those who had written Federer off needed to grab their erasers.

The formula made sense, clearly, so why not try it again? Federer skipped this year's clay-court circuit to be in top shape for the grass courts he loves so dearly. Sunday's victory made Federer 31-2 in 2017, with a tour-leading five titles.

"On one side, yes, it surprises me. On the other side, I know he's able to do so many things. So it's not surprising," coach Severin Luthi said. "But when it happens, it's amazing."

Yes, Federer is back to being supreme in tennis, lording over the sport the way no man has.

He's not, of course, the same 21-year-old kid who had a ponytail and scruff when he beat Mark Philippoussis in the 2003 Wimbledon final. Or the teen who, two years earlier, beat Sampras himself at Centre Court in the fourth round, their only tour-level meeting.

Federer's hair is cropped, his face clean shaven. He's a father of four, and both sets of twins—boys, 3, in their light blue blazers; girls, 7, in their dresses—were in the guest box for Sunday's trophy ceremony.

One son stuck a couple of fingers in his mouth until a sister grabbed his hand.

"They have no clue what's going on. They think it's probably a nice view and a nice playground. But it's not quite like that here, so one day, hopefully, they'll understand," Federer said about his boys.

As for the girls, he said: "They enjoy to watch a little bit. They come for the finals, I guess."

When Dad is Roger Federer, you can wait until the last Sunday to show up.

And you just might get to see him cradle that gold trophy.



Cilic in pain and tears in Wimbledon final against Federer

LONDON (AP)—In pain and in tears, Marin Cilic never really had a chance.

The big-serving Croat played with a blister on his left foot in Sunday's Wimbledon final against Roger Federer. Cilic looked good for a while, but the injury quickly got worse as Federer quickly got better and won 6-3, 6-1, 6-4.

"It was definitely one of the unfortunate days for me," Cilic said after losing on Centre Court. "Fluid just came down under my callous in the foot. ... Every time I had to do a reaction fast—fast change of movement—I was unable to do that."

Cilic said he first felt the blister during his four-set victory over Sam Querrey in the

semifinals. The 2014 U.S. Open champion said it wasn't that bad on Friday, but it got more serious that night.

"I felt that the foot wasn't so good. It wasn't so bad after the match," Cilic said. "We tried to take some fluid out overnight, and yesterday in the morning it was worse. The doctors and physios were trying to help as much as they could. They really did the best they could, really helped a lot."

Cilic served to open the match against Federer and both held to 2-2. Federer then broke twice to take the first set, and then broke again early in the second to take a 3-0 lead.

After that game, Cilic walked back to his change-

over chair and broke down, tearing up as he covered his head with his white towel.

"It was a mix of emotions. Obviously a little bit of a frustration that I had that, and also trying to focus on the other side," Cilic said. "It's a tough part when you're in that kind of situation. You know there is not much possibility that you're going to win. It's just actually fighting it through."

After the second set, Cilic called for a trainer and had his left foot re-taped.

Federer knew something was going on with Cilic, but he wasn't exactly sure what.

"Because I didn't know and I couldn't tell, I just said: 'Focus on your game. Focus on your match. Keep play-

ing,'" said Federer, who won his eighth Wimbledon title and 19th major overall. "The good thing is I was already in the lead."

Cilic came into the match one victory from his second major championship. Despite a 1-6 record in their previous seven matches, Cilic beat Federer in straight sets in the U.S. Open semifinals three years ago on his way to the title. Federer followed that up by defeating Cilic last year in the Wimbledon quarterfinals, but Federer is 35 and Cilic, at 28, is one of the biggest hitters in the game.

The injury, though, made Sunday's match a veritable walkover.

"The first five, six games

Quintana dazzles in Cubs debut, fans 12 to beat Orioles, 8-0



BALTIMORE
(AP)—Jose

Quintana is well aware of the lofty expectations that came with his trade to the Chicago Cubs.

He certainly dazzled his new teammates in his debut.

Quintana struck out a season-high 12 in seven sharp innings and the Cubs beat the Baltimore Orioles 8-0 Sunday for a three-game sweep.

"It was my first outing with the Cubs, but after the first inning, I felt really good," Quintana said. "I threw everything in the first inning and just focused on making quick outs."

Acquired by the defending World Series champions during the All-Star break from the Chicago White Sox for a play-off push, Quintana gave the Cubs exactly the kind of boost they hoped to get.

"It could really be a big boon to us, there's no question," Chicago manager Joe Maddon said. "Everybody else saw it."

The lefty ace allowed three hits, walked none and joined Matt Garza as the only pitchers in Cubs history to fan 12 in their debut.

Kris Bryant and Anthony Rizzo homered to help the Cubs move over .500 for the first time since June 29. The Cubs hit 10 home runs during the sweep at Camden Yards.

Chicago took advantage of another wild start by Ubaldo Jimenez (4-5) and opened a 4-0 lead in the second. Willson Contreras added a career-high four hits.

The Cubs traded their top two prospects, outfielder Eloy Jimenez and right-hander Dylan Cease, along with infielders Matt Rose and Bryant Flete, to get Quintana. He was 4-8 with a 4.49 ERA for the White Sox.

Chicago began the day 5 1/2 games behind in the races for the NL Central and second wild-card spot.

"We're playing a world champion team that everyone knew was going to get going at some point," Orioles manager Buck Showalter said. "Unfortunately, they started here. They're on the top of their game. They have a lot of good pieces. We were not up to the challenge."

Quintana retired nine straight batters until Adam Jones led off the fourth with a double. This was the 10th time in his career, and third this season, he fanned at least 10.

"All the other starters saw it. They saw that we grabbed a lead and there was no messing around. There was no walks. There was no bad counts."

Ian Happ had a two-run double and scored on Jason Heyward's single in the sec-

ond. Heyward stole second and scored the fourth run on a two-out single by Ben Zobrist.

A two-run homer by Bryant, his 19th, boosted the margin to 6-0 in the fourth.

Jimenez allowed six runs and 11 hits, one shy of tying a career-high, over 3 2/3 innings. He has not pitched past the fifth inning in four of his past five starts.

Rizzo hit his 22nd home run in the ninth off Darren O'Day.

"I really believe if we play with that kind of internal fire, that kind of energy we'll win a lot of games in the second half," Maddon said.

Dodgers 3, Marlins 2

In Miami, Justin Turner homered and singled to increase his batting average to .374, and Los Angeles won for the 29th time in 33 games, including nine in a row.

Five Los Angeles pitchers combined for 16 strikeouts with no walks. Kenley Jansen got the four outs for his 23rd save in as many chances as the Dodgers (64-29) climbed 35 games above .500 for the first time since 1977 by completing their big league-high 11th sweep.

Giancarlo Stanton lost his glove over the 8 1/2-foot wall in right field trying unsuccessfully to catch a triple by Chris Taylor.

Rich Hill (6-4) allowed one run and struck out nine in five innings.

Chris O'Grady (1-1), making his second big league start, gave up three runs in five innings.

Nationals 14, Reds 4

In Cincinnati, Daniel Murphy hit two of Washington's five home runs and had five RBIs.

Adam Lind and Jose Lobaton added two-run shots and Anthony Rendon had a solo homer, his third home run in two games, to help the Nationals to their fourth straight victory.

Earlier in the day, the Nationals acquired relievers Ryan Madson and Sean Doolittle from Oakland for right-hander Blake Treinen and a pair of prospects.

Tanner Roark (7-6) allowed three unearned runs in six innings, and Homer Bailey (2-3) gave up eight runs and hits in four innings.

Yankees 3, Red Sox 0, 1st game Red Sox 3, Yankees 0, 2nd game

In Boston, Mookie Betts hit a two-run homer and Jackie Bradley Jr. went over the bullpen wall to steal one from Aaron Judge, helping David Price shut down New York and giving Boston a split of the day-night doubleheader.



A day after the teams played 16 innings, they spent another long day at Fenway Park and ended the four-game series the way they started: with the Red Sox 3 1/2 games up in the AL East.

In the night game, Price (5-2) pitched eight innings, allowing seven hits and striking out eight. One night after giving up a tying homer in the ninth, Craig Kimbrel pitched the ninth for his 24th save.

Masahiro Tanaka (7-9) gave up three runs on eight hits in 7 2/3 innings, striking out nine. The Yankees are the last team in the majors to be shut out.

CC Sabathia (8-3) allowed two hits over six innings in the opener, and Didi Gregorius hit a solo home run for New York. Rick Porcello (4-12) was the loser.

In the earlier game, CC Sabathia (8-3) allowed two hits over six innings, and Didi Gregorius hit a solo home run around the Pesky Pole in the opener of a day-night doubleheader.

Boston stranded 10 runners and went 0 for 11 with runners in scoring position, leaving the Red Sox 2 for 31 RISP in series and 2 for 51 against the Yankees this season.

Rick Porcello (4-12) gave up three runs — one earned — and nine hits in six innings.

New York took a 2-0 lead in the fourth when Ji-Man Choi hit a sacrifice fly and Ronald Torreyes had an RBI single after shortstop Xander Bogaerts allowed Clint Frazier's grounder to bounce off his glove and chest for an error.

Tigers 6, Blue Jays 5

In Detroit, Miguel Cabrera walked with the bases loaded in the 11th inning Sunday, giving the Detroit Tigers a 6-5 victory over the Toronto Blue Jays.

With the score 5-all, Alex Avila was walked by Jeff Beileau (1-1) leading off the

11th, Nicholas Castellanos reached on an error by third baseman Josh Donaldson and Lucas Harrell walked Justin Upton and Cabrera.

Warwick Saupold (2-1) got the win with a scoreless 11th.

Rockies 13, Mets 4

In New York, Ian Desmond provided an instant spark for the slumping Rockies in his return from the disabled list, and Nolan Arenado hit one of Colorado's three homers.

Charlie Blackmon was credited with an inside-the-park home run — even though his drive actually cleared the orange line atop left-center field fence — and Gerardo Parra also went deep to help the Rockies win for only the sixth time in 21 games.

DJ LeMahieu and Mark Reynolds each had four of Colorado's 18 hits to back rookie Jeff Hoffman (6-1), handed a huge early lead while pitching with family and friends in the stands. Steven Matz (2-3) gave up seven runs and nine hits and was chased after failing to retire four batters in the second.

Braves 7, Diamondbacks 1

In Atlanta, Matt Kemp hit a three-run homer and Brandon Phillips doubled three times as Atlanta completed a three-game sweep and sent Arizona to its season-high fifth straight loss.

Jaime Garcia (3-7) allowed one run and four hits in seven innings as the Braves (45-45) reached .500 for the first time since April 17, when they were 6-6.

Zack Godley (3-4) gave up seven runs despite his career-high nine strikeouts in six innings.

Pirates 4, Cardinals 3

In Pittsburgh, Adam Frazier's game-ending single capped a two-run rally in the ninth

against Brett Cecil (1-3), who also gave up Jordy Mercer's RBI double.

Wade LeBlanc (4-2) pitched a hitless ninth.

Mariners 7, White Sox 6

In Chicago, Nelson Cruz homered on a 3-0 pitch from Chris Beck (1-1) leading off the 10th inning, his 19th home run this season, as Seattle overcame a 5-0 deficit and won its fourth straight. Chicago has lost four in a row.

Nick Vincent (3-1) earned the win, and Edwin Diaz struck out Jose Abreu, Todd Frazier and Garcia — all swinging — for his 16th save.

Astros 5, Twins 3

In Houston, Mike Fiers (6-4) struck out a season-high 11 over seven innings, while allowing two runs and four hits. Nori Aoki had two hits and two RBIs.

Kyle Gibson (5-8) yielded four runs and six hits in six-plus innings.

Phillies 5, Brewers 2

In Milwaukee, rookie Nick Williams hit his first career grand slam — on lefty reliever Tyler Webb's first pitch since he was acquired Thursday from the Yankees for minor league first baseman Garrett Cooper. Williams homered off Webb last month in the minors.

Jeremy Hellickson (6-5) struck out six and allowed four hits and two runs over five innings for his first win since June 4.

Rob Scahill (1-3) allowed three runs and did not retire a batter.

Royals 4, Rangers 3

In Kansas City, Missouri, Texas right fielder Shin-Soo Choo lost Lorenzo Cain's routine fly in the sun, and the ball glanced off his glove for a tiebreaking RBI single with two outs in the ninth as Kansas City

Chicago Cubs' Jason Heyward prepares for an at-bat in the ninth inning of a baseball game against the Baltimore Orioles in Baltimore, Sunday, July 16, 2017.

stooped a five-game losing streak overall and a 12-game skid against Texas.

Choo tried to shield his eyes, but even sunglasses didn't help on Cain's sliced flyball.

Kelvin Herrera (2-2) pitched a spotless ninth. Jason Grilli (2-5), acquired by Rangers from Toronto on July 2, took the loss.

Angels 4, Rays 3

In Anaheim, California, pinch-hitter C.J. Cron connected for a tiebreaking, two-run homer in the eighth off Adam Kolarik after Andrelton Simmons singled against Jumbo Diaz (1-4).

Trailing 4-2, the Rays scored once in the ninth and loaded the bases with one out. Bud Norris got Tim Lincecum to ground into a double play for his 14th save, ending Tampa Bay's four-game winning streak.

David Hernandez (1-0) pitched a scoreless inning as Los Angeles avoided a three-game sweep.

Athletics 7, Indians 3

In Oakland, California, Cleveland starter Trevor Bauer got just two outs in a four-run first inning and matched the shortest start of his big league career as the Oakland completed a surprising three-game sweep of AL Central-leading Cleveland, which has lost four straight for the first time since 2015.

Bauer (7-8) allowed four runs, three hits and two walks while throwing just 24 of 43 pitches for strikes in facing seven batters.

Ryon Healy and Jaycob Brugman hit two-run singles in the first, and Jed Lowrie homered against Dan Otero for a 5-0 lead in the third.

Sean Manaea (8-5) struck out eight in seven innings, allowing two runs and five hits.

Padres 7, Giants 1

In San Diego, Hector Sanchez and Corey Spangenberg each hit a three-run home run off Jeff Samardzija (4-11), who allowed seven runs and nine hits in six innings. Samardzija is tied with Colorado's Tyler Chatwood for the most losses in the NL.

Sanchez homered for the second straight game as he once again replaced injured catcher Austin Hedges.

Trevor Cahill (4-3) gave up one run and eight hits in 6 2/3 innings

Harden intent on winning title in wake of new deal

HOUSTON (AP)—James Harden never wants to leave Houston and is intent on bringing another NBA title to the city the Californian now considers home.

And the Rockets are doing everything possible to make sure the Beard gets exactly what he wants.

The clearest evidence of that came a week ago when

they signed him to the biggest contract in league history: a four-year, “supermax” extension that guarantees \$228 million over the next six seasons.

“I know where I want to retire ultimately and I know where I want to win a championship,” Harden said Saturday. “Everything is going to happen in Houston and that’s the reason I’m here forever.”

Since orchestrating the trade that brought Harden to

Houston from Oklahoma City in 2012, general manager Daryl Morey has known he had a cornerstone player to build a team around. To him, shelling out that much money to keep the 27-year-old off the free agent market until the 2022-23 season was a no-brainer.

“Some of our decisions are hard. This one’s easy,” Morey said. “We’d do more if we could. This was the most they allow us to do.”

The contract extension followed the Rockets’ trade for nine-time All-Star point guard Chris Paul late last month, giving Harden another superstar to help chase Houston’s first title since the Rockets won two in a row in 1994-95.

There have been questions about how the two will fit together in Houston after Harden had the finest season of his career while playing point guard in first-year coach Mike D’Antoni’s system. But Harden isn’t worried about that.

“I don’t think anybody’s ever seen anything like this before,” he said. “Two guys that can create and facilitate and just do things with the ball that nobody’s done from the one position and the shooting guard position. So it’s going to be fun. I’m excited to be a part of it.”

Harden finished second in MVP voting last season behind Russell Westbrook after ranking second in the league with 29.1 points per game and first with 11.2 assists. He had 64 double-doubles last year after combining for just 67 in the first seven seasons of his career, and notched 22 triple-doubles after getting just nine total before last season.

“I’ve coached a lot of people and watched a lot of games and the stuff that he did day in and day out was incredible,” D’Antoni said. “Now I’m just so excited that he’s going to be here for a long time.”

Harden’s brilliant season ended with a thud when the Rockets were eliminated by the San Antonio Spurs in a 39-point loss in Game 6 of the Western Conference semifinals. Harden didn’t attempt a shot until half-way through the second quarter of the blowout and finished with 10 points to tie a season low.

That loss still weighs on



NBA player James Harden, of the Houston Rockets, arrives at the NBA Awards at Basketball City at Pier 36 on Monday, June 26, 2017, in New York.

Bryson DeChambeau rallies to win John Deere Classic

SILVIS, Ill. (AP)—Third-round leader Patrick Rodgers knew that it would take a ton of birdies Sunday to win the John Deere Classic.

Bryson DeChambeau took that advice to heart.

DeChambeau overcame a four-stroke deficit to beat Rodgers by a stroke for his first PGA Tour title—and a spot next week in the British Open.

The 23-year-old DeChambeau birdied four of the final six holes at TPC Deere Run for a 6-under 65 and an 18-under 266 total. In 2015, the unconventional former SMU star became the fifth player to win the NCAA individual title and U.S. Amateur in the same year.

The win punctuated a comeback of sorts for DeChambeau, who capped a string of eight consecutive missed cuts last month in the U.S. Open—where he was 6 over for two rounds.

“I was able to right the ship about three or four weeks ago, and it’s been steady Eddie ever since,” DeChambeau said. “It is vindication.”

Rodgers closed with 70. DeChambeau made a 14-foot birdie putt on No. 18 to pull even with Rodgers. Rodgers then had a par putt on No. 17 lip out, and sent his tee shot on 18 into the rough.

“He’s a great competitor, and I was kind of shocked he bogeyed 17,” DeChambeau said about Rodgers. “I thought I was going to be in a playoff.”

Wesley Bryan (64) and Rick Lamb (66) tied for third at 16 under, and past tournament champions Steve Stricker (64) and Zach Johnson (67) topped the group at 15 under.

DeChambeau played the front nine in even par, then birdied six of the final nine holes to surge to the top of the leaderboard.

Rodgers, on the other hand, had four bogeys—and his approach on No. 18 sailed past the green. Rodgers nearly chipped in from 50 feet to force a playoff, missing the cup by a foot.

DeChambeau became the 10th first-time winner on the PGA Tour this season.

“Our tendency when you have the lead is to kind of hold on and play safe and guard against making mistakes,” said Rodgers, who remained winless on the PGA Tour. “But I had guys coming at me with some really low rounds. Obviously, Bryson shot a great one.”

Bryan, who won the RBC Heritage in April for his first career victory, shot a 30 on the back nine. Lamb was 13 under for the final two rounds but was done in by pedestrian efforts in the first two rounds.

Stricker, who won at TPC Deere Run from 2009-11, grabbed a share of the lead before Rodgers teed off Sunday.

The 50-year-old Stricker went 8-under par through 14 holes to jump all the way up from 34th place. But his only bogey came on the 18th hole, when his par putt grazed the cup.

“Realistically, if I could have made a couple more birdies there and could have got it to 18-under, who knows? Just couldn’t get it in there,” Stricker said.

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Andruw Omelau led 4Gives FC’s gallant stand after firing three goals, while Jether Yobech logged two, and Jonah Pohl chipped in one. Oliver Fajardo and Merrick Toves had two goals apiece for Saipan Elite, while Kohtaro Goto and Rohan Basnet recorded one each. Saipan Elite built a 5-2

advantage at the break, but failed to keep the lead in the second half, as Omelau anchored 4Gives FC’s fightback.

There were two boys U16 games played in the opening day, but results of the NMI U16 vs HK SSS tiff, which was the last match scheduled for yesterday, were unavailable at press time.

Meanwhile, action in the futsal tournament will resume

tomorrow with one match each in the co-ed U12 and the girls U17 and boys U16 divisions. 4Gives FC will gun for its second win when it takes on NMI U16 at 5pm, while Kanoa FC 2 will try to bounce back quickly when it duels Kanoa FC 1 in the curtain-raiser at 3pm. In the 4pm match in the girls U17 division, Hakone FC will challenge Isamu United.

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Boys U16 National Team had the least goals allowed in its pool with 10.

Meanwhile, Matansa topped the CNMI Women’s National Team, 4-0, in the first game in the final week of the spring season, while Shirley’s-2 and Kanoa also prevailed in their last matches of the season via forfeitures against Korean Football As-

sociation on Saipan and the Thundercats, respectively.

Three different players hit the board for Matansa with Amzad Khan starting things out for his team after finding the back of the net in the 11th minute. Kamrul Kamrul then handed Matansa its second goal in the 43rd minute, while an own goal was credited to the winning squad four minutes later. Anamil Haque closed out for Matansa with his conversion in the 56th minute.

With the victory, Matansa climbed up to fourth place in the final team standings, displacing Sun Palace as the former ended up with a 7-3-4 record. Matansa collected 24 goals and gave up 12, the third least in the entire league.

Kanoa, with its victory against the Thundercats, kept the No. 2 spot after finishing the season with an 8-2-4 slate, just slightly ahead of Shirley’s-2, which held a 7-4-3 mark. Kanoa also had the sec-

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stay gift certificate from Coral Ocean Point Golf and Resort with breakfast for four people and a two-round golf certificate for four.

In the par 4, 434-yard No. 14, the nearest to the pin winner was Triple J Wholesale’s Jay Santos, who was awarded with a two-night stay certificate

Harden, who shouldered the blame for the defeat in the hours after the game.

“For sure it motivates me,” he said. “Of course it wasn’t how we wanted it to end ... but that’s what life is about. You get tested and you go through certain things where things don’t happen your way ... you have to sit back, look at how you can be better and go out there and just be better at it. And if you fail, do it again.”

Harden is excited about his new deal and humbled to have signed the richest contract in NBA history. However, he insists that all those zeros in his

at Pacific Islands Club Saipan.

Five more special recognitions were given at the conclusion of the tournament with Tae Sun Kang and Rafael Demapan getting the Best Dress and Unique Dress awards, Harrison Jo and Seung Yeon Jo taking the Best Pose for men and women, respectively, and Glenn Maratita winning the Sportsmanship Award. *(Roselyn B. Monroyo)*

ond most goals in Division B with 31 and yielded 23, while Shirley’s FC-2 collected 29 goals, just one more than it allowed its opponents.

KFAS was ranked sixth with its 3-2-9 record and had only 17 goals, matching the output of the CNMI Women’s National Team, which avoided the cellar after posting a 3-0-11 mark. The Thundercats were at the bottom with only one win to show in 14 games (two draws and 11 losses) and also

tallied the least goals in Division B this season with 11.

In the individual leaders in the most goals scored, Sun Palace’s Qiwei Wang retained the top spot with his team and Sun Palace not playing in their last games. Qang earned 10 goals against the eight each of KFAS’ Edwin Kim and Sun Palace’s Feng Yu. Kanoa’s Ian Maniago, Shirley’s-2’s Ryu Hoin and Dhiraj Chhetri, and Shirley’s-1’s Kosuke Sato finished the season with seven apiece.

bank account will be hollow if he doesn’t take the Rockets to the next level.

“Money is cool ... but it doesn’t really mean anything without holding that championship up,” Harden said. “So that’s what we’re working toward. That’s why I’m in the gym every single day and I won’t stop until I get it.”

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES				
MLB STANDINGS				
AMERICAN LEAGUE				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	52	41	.559	—
Tampa Bay	49	44	.527	3
New York	47	43	.522	3½
Toronto	42	49	.462	9
Baltimore	42	49	.462	9
Central Division				
Cleveland	47	43	.522	—
Minnesota	46	45	.505	1½
Kansas City	45	45	.500	2
Detroit	41	49	.456	6
Chicago	38	52	.422	9
West Division				
Houston	62	30	.674	—
Seattle	46	47	.495	16½
Texas	45	46	.495	16½
Los Angeles	46	49	.484	17½
Oakland	42	50	.457	20
NATIONAL LEAGUE				
East Division				
Washington	54	36	.600	—
Atlanta	44	45	.494	9½
New York	41	47	.466	12
Miami	41	48	.461	12½
Philadelphia	29	60	.326	24½
Central Division				
Milwaukee	52	41	.559	—
Chicago	45	45	.500	5½
St. Louis	44	46	.489	6½
Pittsburgh	43	48	.473	8
Cincinnati	39	51	.433	11½
West Division				
Los Angeles	63	29	.685	—
Arizona	53	38	.582	9½
Colorado	52	41	.559	11½
San Diego	39	51	.433	23
San Francisco	35	57	.380	28
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SSS 2017 Summer Camp

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Graduates of the Saipan Soccer School's 2017 Summer Camp pose with the volunteers and SSS coaches during the closing ceremony for the event last Friday at the TSL Sports Complex.



Volunteers and SSS staff members gather for a group photo at the conclusion of the camp.



Team 5's Gohtaro Gotom right, dribbles in front of Team 1's Andrew Sablan, left.



John Mark Anastacio, left, uses his knee to block an attempt from their opponent.



A male camp participant tries to take away the ball.



A female camp participant gets the possession and looks for a teammate to pass the ball to.



Players chase the ball during a U10 division game in the mini basketball tournament.



Team 1's Merrick Toves controls the ball.



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Wimbledon title

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in Cubs debut,
fans 12 to beat
Orioles, 8-0

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Strong start for SSS, Armada

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Saipan Soccer School and Marianas Health Armada kicked off their respective campaigns in the 2017 Youth Summer Futsal Tournament on a high gear after dominating their opponents yesterday at the TSL Sports Complex.

SSS played in the first game and crushed Kanoa Football Club 2 in their co-ed U12 match, 8-3, while Marianas Health Armada eased past Isamu United, 7-2, in the second girls U17 match on opening day. Sean Gil starred in SSS' domination of Kanoa FC 2 after drilling four goals, while Garrett Weaver chipped in two,



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Isamu United's Leisha Sally, left, and Marianas Health Armada's Jerlyn Castillo fights for the ball during the first half of their girls U17 division game in the 2017 Youth Summer Futsal Tournament yesterday at the TSL Sports Complex.



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Shirley's FC-1's Taro Goto, left, and Shirley's FC-2's Ariel Jinang battle for possession during their second round game in Division B of the M-League at the Hopwood Middle School Field.

Shirleys-1 flawless, Matansa wins

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Shirley's Football Club-1 finished the spring season of the M-League undefeated, while Matansa won the lone match played in the final week of Division B competition last Sunday at the Hopwood Middle School Field.

Shirley's-1 wrapped up the two-round robin contest with a 12-2-0 win-draw-loss

record, gaining victory No. 12 without a sweat after Sun Palace forfeited their match. The Division B champion was awarded the 3-0 win, bringing its goals total to 38—the most scored in its group in 14 games. Shirley's-1 also allowed the least goals with eight, becoming the only team to have yielded goals in single digit in the entire league this season. Division A runner-up CNMI

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and Richard Castro contributed one. Kristopher Pascual, Codie Forbes, Cody Shimizu, Dev Bachani, Audrey and Aubrey, and Praise Woo complete the roster of SSS, which got an own goal against Kanoa FC 2. John Mark Anastacio and Markus Toves scored one goal apiece for Kanoa FC 2, which

was also awarded an own goal in the second half.

In the second girls U17 division game, Jeralyn Castillo tallied a hat trick and Brittany Wally added two goals in Marianas Health Armada's debut win against Isamu United. Names of other scorers in the game were unavailable at press time.

While Marianas Health Armada had an easy time dispatching Isamu United, it was a different story in the first girls U17 match yesterday as Hakone FC won by only a point against F. Marinos, 3-2. Krizel Tuazon, Paulyn Joyce, and Katrina Costales registered one goal apiece to lift Hakone FC

to a close victory over F. Marinos, which drew all its two goals from Guinevere Borja.

In other results yesterday, 4Gives FC and Saipan Elite settled for a draw in their first game in the two-round robin elimination, 6-6.

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64 join Kensington golf tournament

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Sixty-four competed in the Kensington Hotel Saipan 1st Anniversary Golf Tournament held at Coral Ocean Point Golf and Resort last Saturday.

Korean celebrities Su Ro Kim, Sung Jin Kang, Hyung Jun Lim, and Ki Yeoul Kim, Kensington's patrons, guests, and business partners, and local golfers were among the participants in the double-peoria tournament that was one of the activities on the day the hotel celebrated a milestone.

The hotel's guest Myung Sun Choi went on to top the

64-player field to take home the championship trophy and win a three-night stay at Kensington. Joining Choi in the Top 3 were Sung Jin Kang and Su Ro Kim, who are both familiar figures in Korean television series and movies. Kang also went home with a trophy and two roundtrip tickets from EasterJet, while Kim got the third place trophy plus a Xxio No.1 driver.

Besides the Top 3 finishers, Kensington also handed prizes to the golfers with the nearest to the pin shots on No. 7 and No. 14. Saipan's Jose Itibus made the nearest to the pin shot on the par-4, 380-yard No. 7 to earn a two-night

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A Korean golfer follows through his shot in hole No. 3 during the Kensington Hotel Saipan 1st Anniversary Golf Tournament held at Coral Ocean Point Golf and Resort last Saturday.